

The Door of the New Year

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We pause beside this door: Thy year, O God, how shall we enter in?

The footsteps of a child

Sound close beside us. Listen, He will speak!

His birthday bells have hardly rung a week,

Yet has He trod the world's press, undefiled.

"Enter through Me," He saith, "nor wander more;

For lo! I am the Door."

—Lucy Larcom.

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According to reports from Moscow five million persons in Russia are facing death from starvation this winter. The following extracts show their terrible distress and their urgent need of help:

"We go into homes where there are little naked figures crouching behind the stove! There are no beds in these rooms, no blankets, no carpets, no covering of any kind. The furniture has been split up for kindling. Even the mattresses have been ripped up to make clothes. The children sleep on the bare floors huddled together like little animals. The only food they get is at American Relief Soup Kitchens."

"Conditions will be worse this coming winter than last winter. Without outside help, millions will die of starvation. People have sold everything they had, even the very clothes they need to keep them warm in order to get food."

"A village near Melitopol had 6,000 inhabitants a year ago. At least 1,500 starved to death last winter. A Baptist deacon carried on his shoulders and buried 153 people who were either members of the Baptist church or members of Baptist families. All the dogs and cats in the village have been eaten. Only ten families have anything for the coming winter."

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I. "The lasting impression of the gathering was the ———" what?

2. How many colleges in China are Northern Baptists helping to support?

3. What is said to be "the most interesting country in the world?"

4. The most difficult field in —

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6. Where did the Vice-President of Shanghai College get his American degrees?

7. Wheeled eight miles for 150 cash, which is how many American cents?

8. What did the victim of tuberculosis become?

9. What did the ——— Conductor have the privilege of looking over?

10. What church uses in its mission study a large map of Asia with electrically lighted cross above it?

II. "I realize that much of the time was spent"——— how?

12. What two new buildings have recently been dedicated in Seattle?

13. Who said "Eight years in China and eight minutes to tell about it here?"

14. How many packages for Russia were received at the New York warehouse in one day?

15. In what month and year was the first baptism among the Kachins?

16. When a smile lighted up the business man's face, what did he say?

17. Who is President of the Japan Theological Seminary?

18. What is reason No. 6 given as to why some Brotherhood's fail?

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MISSIONS Wishes You "Happy New Year"



ISSIONS begins with this issue its fourteenth volume, and the fourth of its enlarged size of page. Turning back to the first number, January, 1910, we find this: "Immediate Aim—Fifty Thousand Subscribers." That was not realized the

first year, or the second, but the mark was reached and passed. Now we are still pressing toward the second goal fixed-75,000, and hope to pass that mark speedily, so that we may move the figures up to 100,000. The leading editorial was on "The Mission of the Northern Baptists," and it seems so apposite to the present that we shall reprint it in the February issue, where it will be especially in place with other matter. The second editorial was entitled "The Mission of Missions," and we have never been able to add anything to it, but have endeavored month by month to fill out its details and actualize its vision. How familiar sounds "A Financial Hint." "Only three months remain before the close of the financial year of the Societies. The treasurers' books up to December 1st show that more than \$500,000 must be raised before March 31st if the budget is to be met and a debt be avoided." Familiar plaint, but think what small sums compared to those we deal with now. We were in the first days of "apportionments" then!

Now, at the beginning of 1923, after passing through world tragedies which could not even be conceived of in 1910, we repeat the old salutation and wish to all our readers and friends—"Happy New Year!"

It promises to be a momentous year in international affairs. In these our foreign missions are deeply involved, and we shall see to it that our readers are informed concerning the world movements and their significance as relates to world evangelization. We plan to have news from every land in which our missionaries are at work, and to keep track of events in other lands as well.

This issue presents many articles of interest. Dr. Cronkhite's answer to the question "Has It Been Worth While?" gives a rare insight into a missionary's animating spirit. The first instalment of the Reminiscences of

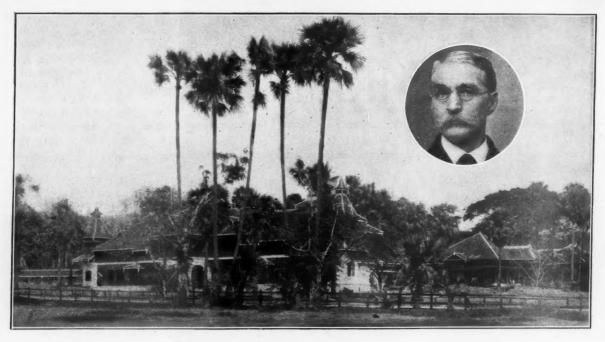
an Ex-Missionary will be sure to incite anticipation of the second. Dr. Brooks informs us that we really have Chinese and Japanese church and community center buildings in Seattle worthy of the work among these people, and the pictures prove it. Mr. Lipphard discloses the unexpectedly large results of the "Rush a Ship to Russia" relief appeal, with illustrations that make words seem feeble. "What Became of Benjamin?" is a question answered by Coe Hayne. Dr. Franklin writes of our "Progress in Native Leadership," the distinctive feature of our work in China and Japan at present. In "The Cross at Turnov," Dr. Taylor relates an experience during his inspiring evangelistic visit to Czechoslovakia.

A charming travelog, "In the Foothills of the Himalayas," is contributed by Mr. Phelps, from whom we hope to hear often. He has the literary gift that marks his family, and the true traveler's eye for the things worth while. "My Comfort, Their Christianity—Which?" puts a question to the reader as it did the writer.

There are two or three new features to note. First in importance, perhaps, is the opening of a medium of communication and news transmission for the Baptist Brotherhood Federation, under the modern caption, "Broadcasting Brotherhood." That expresses exactly what Director Wilcox has in mind, and our laymen will not be left in doubt as to whether Missions has anything for men in its pages. Another feature is the special page "For the Stimulation of the Spiritual Life," a revival of a devotional page that has been missed by many. Then we shall have special interviews, and book reviews like that of "Following the Pioneers" in this issue. The World Field in items has already proved its attractiveness and value, enabling us to give much in little and glance at a great number of workers at their work.

The regular departments begin the New Year in the cheerful, hopeful and newsy spirit; the Sanctum Chat is timely; the puzzles are puzzling; the illustrations are good; and if we are allowed to judge, January Missions (1923) is worthy to begin its New Year.

"Happy New Year" to all!



DISTANT VIEW OF PWO KAREN SCHOOL. ON THE RIGHT IN BACKGROUND IS DR. CRONKHITE'S HOUSE IN BASSEIN, BURMA. DR. CRONKHITE'S PORTRAIT ABOVE

Has It Been Worth While?

BY L. W. CRONKHITE OF BASSEIN, BURMA

At the Editor's urgent request, Dr. Cronkhite, who first went out to Burma in 1881, and has therefore seen forty-one years of active and fruitful service, has written this deeply interesting answer to the question above. The statement is characteristic of the writer in spirit and style, and will be appreciated by our readers in all lands. It should encourage the younger workers.



ASSING the three score, one is apt to look back and ask whether the life work allotted him has been worth while. The stranger from Kimberley talks of the handfuls of diamonds rather than of the tons of blue clay. We shall try to remember this

in this brief estimate of the past forty years as a missionary. Yet one could not be truthful and ignore the trials that accompany a missionary's career, as trials accompany most lives.

For instance, the heat of a tropical climate, like that of Burma, is hard to bear. Yet it is much relieved by the way in which manner of living, hours of work, styles of building, are adapted to the climate. That one can become used to the heat may be inferred from the fact that I have come to prefer the climate of Burma to our own. Then there is a fascinating outdoorsiness in tropical living, broad verandas, windows and doors open the year through. And tropical flora has a charm of its own. How often have I gone out into the rice fields, or by a river bank at night, and have worshiped under the spell of the indescribable beauty of the moonlight shimmering through bamboos and plantains, papayas and palms. Perhaps before the winter is over 1 shall think longingly

of lands where there is never a coal shortage. Let us give the tropics their due.

Surrounded by savagery, or by a low civilization, one's tastes are often offended, and often the comforts of home are missed. But tastes and comforts are not the only sources of the joy of the human spirit. The settler in a western wilderness feels in his desolate surroundings the thrill of a commonwealth to be. The missionary in the East feels that he is at a place of beginnings in the Kingdom of God. In February, 1882, I witnessed the first baptism that ever took place, so far as known, among the Kachin race on the mountains between Burma and China. Wild, filthy beyond description, the Kachins were. No written language, no schools. Two years ago, at the Conference at Mandalay, I met 108 neat self-respecting Kachins, representing the about 1,400 members of our Kachin churches. They have pastors, schools, much of the Bible, a hymnbook, dictionary, newspaper. They are a splendid race, the British Government avers, in their potentialities. Some day perhaps in the Kingdom of God above, I shall meet a great host of Kachins radiant with the glory of their Redeemer, and shall say to one of them, "I remember the day in February, 1882, when your race made its very first start towards this Jan Kin

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Kingdom." And that will be worth all the trials of one brief lifetime.

Then, too, in the low civilization about you, you are having the privilege of cooperating with that splendid agency, the British Empire, divinely fashioned out of imperfect material, for the uplift of backward races. Just, progressive, sincerely seeking the welfare of all its subjects. In 1759 Quebec decided Anglo-Saxon, Protestant domination for North America, as against Latin Catholic. Two years earlier Plassy had decided the same for India, Ceylon and Burma. You at home are working out the details of the first, your missionaries are assisting with the second. It is a profoundly satisfying work.

Immersion in the atmosphere of heathenism will often seem stifling. And yet that same atmosphere will, as a whole, make appear all the more wonderful the personality of Jesus Christ. You feel, and keep feeling, that you have something to communicate, or rather Some One, and that it is exceedingly worth while. And then, where laborers are so few, you remember that, if you were not doing it, no one else would be. The supply of laborers doesn't go round.

The heathen atmosphere is oppressive. But so was that of our heathen forefathers the other day. God found splendid material among them and so He is finding among his heathen today. Pastor San Te, of my old Pwo Karen field in the Irrawaddy delta, is simply a wonderful combination of both the dignity and the gentleness of Christ. His church is a strong one, his name is held in honor all over our wide field. Yet he was an uneducated heathen lad when first I knew him, and the village where he now is pastor had as yet not a Christian. The wilderness shall blossom. His wife, my old pupil, I have known almost since her babyhood, and it seems sometimes as though she were born a Christian. She had saintly parents. It has often seemed to me that I have never known of anything in Ninlah's life, from childhood up, that was not instinct with devotion to God and man. They have a fine family, and the oldest daughter is now taking a six years' medical course, over in Madras, in preparation for the Christian service upon which her heart is set. She writes English almost as well as you, plus Burmese and Karen. There are plenty of such Kimberley diamonds in Burma, as in mission fields generally. The soil of Idaho is utterly barren as far as the eye can reach—until it gets water; and then what profusion. And you and I have living water for the thirsty fields of humanity.

Over and against the often shortage of mission funds is the "Lo, I am with you." The miracle of the five loaves takes place somewhere in the world every hour. August and September have been our most trying months for school funds. I remember one desperate time when I called the school together for prayer. They had already given generously, but I asked them to glean again. That eve they gave one hundred dollars. The very next morning came a letter from our Rooms in Boston saying that a certain church, of which I knew nothing (and how they knew of our need I never learned), had sent in one hundred dollars for our school expenses. And this sum, instead of following the usually necessary routine, which takes time, came through by that same mail.

Some years ago our two Karen pastors amazed me by proposing to raise Rs. 60,000 (\$20,000) among their people for a building and endowment fund. They had never done anything remotely approaching it, and the outlook was anything but good. But we all went to work per-

sistently with much prayer. When I left Burma last spring, there had been paid in by our Pwos just about Rs. 60,000, and there had been added to us from other sources further unlooked for Rs. 45,000, making a total that doubled my utmost faith. Of the total only about one-ninth came from America. Our beautiful new chapel was dedicated two years ago, and much else that was urgently needed has been secured.

gently needed has been secured. Of course by far the heaviest of all missionary trials are the family separations, though the final laying down of the work comes close behind. In 1894 Mrs. Cronkhite and I had taken our three older children to the Home at Newton Center, leaving only baby Laura to go with us back to Burma. We placed the three in school and stayed by them a few days. The morning for leaving them came, and we both planned for, but dreaded beyond words, the goodbye. Suddenly Mother McKinley called out "Come quick." We rushed to the window of the upper front hall, to find her pointing down the street. The children not realizing, though they had been told, that we would leave that morning, had slipped away for school. We watched the three disappear down the street until a house hid them. It was four and a half years before the mother saw them again. I came back to America three years after her to find that I could no longer recognize my own children. They were eleven, nine and six years of age when we left them. Of course, the missionary feels toward his children just as other parents do. And yet it has paid. A great peace came with the anguish of the experience. And most nobly God cared for the children. The older had said to me, "I don't see, father, how you expect ever to send me through college." I told him, "I don't see either, but God has had a great deal of experience in such work." In due time the laddie graduated at Brown, and his brother at Colgate.

If the native language be rude and difficult, there is the high privilege of elevating it, enlarging and spiritualizing its range of expression, as missionaries from Rome once did for our own mother tongue. And there is the high privilege of preaching in it when you get it. Besides you make translations. I have translated and printed some 340 hymns. They range from the stately hymns of the church to her lighter songs. "The church's one foundation," "Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," "He leadeth me," "Brighten the corner," etc. Almost my final work before leaving Burma was to send to the press the last sheet of manuscript for the first edition of a hymn book with music ever published in Pwo Karen. Karens love to sing, they use their hymn books daily, and for fifty or a hundred years to come they will be drinking spiritual life from this new edition, with its 660 hymns. Wrestling with a strange language is worth while.

A hot climate has its own diseases. I have escaped most, but in 1913 barely survived an attack of bubonic plague. My wife and children were all in America. But there was granted from the start the assurance that they would certainly be cared for, and that Jesus Christ is absolute Master over death for a forgiven sinner. And the wonderful brotherliness of Dr. San C. Po, a highly skilled Karen physician and surgeon educated at the Albany, N. Y., Medical, was a revelation of the possibilities of Christian kindness. An intensely busy man, yet giving me the closest attention, and all without charge. These things, together with the way in which the crisis brought out the wonderful love of the Karens and others, made me thank God many times for the illness.

After all it is simply the old secret. You come to love those whom you are serving in the name of Christ, not least when they are by nature so singularly lovable as are our Karens. And then in that love growing in your heart, you find a fullness of never-failing joy. It may be that that is the secret of God's joy, too—God, the greatest of servants.

And then the love of your Karen schoolboys and girls. Repeatedly they said to me the last two years, "Don't go, teacher. Call your family to you here." But it had to be. That last night of the school year they scattered to their jungle homes with many tears on both sides. Groups stopped under my house to sing in Pwo their parting "God will take care of you," and I went down-

stairs in the dark to say goodbye once more. They had been my constant companions and joy. I have never seen them since. But we have taught them about the Better Land, and many of them know.

Yes, the forty years have been most abundantly worth while, and I have often been amazed at the goodness of God in letting me be a missionary. As I passed through portions of Japan, China, Annam, and India some years ago, and looked across from the ship's deck to neglected Great Nicobar Island, I told the Master that if I could have a thousand lives, very gladly would I put them all into home and foreign mission work, and put off going by His grace to Heaven.

Greenwich, New York.



My Comfort, Their Christianity, Which?

BY DORA ZIMMERMAN OF NINGPO, CHINA



HE bell had just rung for the geometry class when Mr. Dzing and one of his church members came in. I met them on the walk and said, "Are you well again, Mr. Dzing? We heard you had typhoid fever."

"I had for fourteen days," said he, "and even now I am a bit shaky." Then I had to tell him I was rushing to a class and he said they would sit down and wait for me. After finishing the geometry class and then an English class, I came over to the house and they came in to tell me their errand.

Mr. Dzing is the book-seller who recently moved to Nying-kong-gyiao to take charge of the church there when the preacher was removed to another church. Being a newcomer to a weak church, he had begged in the spring that we continue the girls' school, saying it would secure open doors to the pupils' homes and form a nucleus from which to work. But with a drastic cut of 25 per cent for the coming year, that school was one the mission had felt compelled to close, and I had written him in the summer that there was not a dollar put into my hands for the expenses of this school.

Now what was their errand? He and his church member had come to say that they felt they simply must keep the school open. That the pupils insisted on coming. That an inquirer had consented to teach the school for half salary rather than disappoint the pupils. That he, Mr. Dzing, out of his salary of \$12 a month, had paid the teacher his first month's salary, ten dollars, and would I please come forward and pay him what would be needed over and above tuitions for the rest of the year.

Of course, on principle, I had every right to refuse to help by even a dollar. I had written him I had no money for the school. But here he was, barely out of bed from typhoid, having paid \$10 out of his own small pittance, and pleading for the girls and church over which he had been made responsible. What would you have done?

I explained again in detail how we had been compelled to close other schools, among them a very flourishing woman's school in Shaohsing. How we had even been compelled to loan one of our missionaries from that school to another mission, to prevent having to close two or three other valuable schools. And I assured him that I had no hope of being able to secure anything from the mission for his school.

Then he said, "Don't bother the mission anything about it. You yourself help us out of your salary." I finally agreed to pay for the last two months of this half year, and advised him not to continue the school next term unless he could secure the funds. He begged me to make it this ninth month and the twelfth instead of the last two. I finally had to tell him that I had pledged \$50 to the mission and \$40 for repairs on the West Gate Day School, all of which would have to be paid this month, and I dared not undertake more. I did not tell him that the conference which I am now on my way to attend would mean another drain on my pocketbook. To a man whose entire salary is \$12 a month, \$90 for benevolences in one month naturally seemed all one individual should undertake, and they finally left, entreating me not to feel

But I do feel badly, and I know you do. It is all well enough to say, "Why don't the Chinese themselves support their schools?" I said it to him as kindly as I knew how. Two of our day schools are being almost or entirely supported in that way in this year of distress. But it was truth and not poetry when he answered, "The church members are desperately poor after the losses caused by this summer's typhoons, and the non-Christians have no interest in supporting a school that teaches Christianity."

Now, if any big-hearted Christian should yield to the impulse to send me directly the \$100 to finance this school through the year on its reduced basis, I should feel that I had made a great mistake in telling you this story. But if some still bigger-hearted Christian or Christians should decide to sacrifice a few more personal comforts and send the Board in New York an extra \$100 to help insure that other similar schools need not be closed, I shall feel that God prompted me to write you this experience—My comfort, or their Christianity, which?

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Orient and New World Movement Meet on Pacific Coast

BY CHARLES A. BROOKS, D.D.



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S a direct outcome of the vision and achievement of the New World Movement two finely arranged and well equipped buildings have been dedicated in Seattle recently for constructive Christian and social work among the Japanese and

Chinese. In conceiving and carrying through these projects the Baptists of Western Washington in their Convention program have done a conspicuous and commendable thing. They are still in the period of laying foundations and meeting the heavy demands of a new country. No doubt the achievement will rank as one of the most notable in the records of the denomination. It must also be kept in mind that movements of this nature are not popular in certain quarters on the Pacific coast where there exists a regrettable prejudice against Orientals. It may be said that any friendly interest manifested in Orientals on the Western Coast is a distinctive mark of high Christian character.

These buildings are at once a pledge to Japan and China that Christians do not accept the cheap political estimate of their nationals in this country. At the same time it is a guarantee to America that the prosecution of Christian service and the proclamation of the gospel is the one sure and safe corrective of all the ills of our human society.

The properties represent an investment of \$42,500 for the Japanese and \$37,500 for the Chinese, respectively. Of this amount the Baptists of Western Washington have contributed \$12,500 for each building—\$25,000 in



JAPANESE BAPTIST CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER, SEATTLE

all. The Home Mission Society to date has contributed \$20,000 and loaned \$10,000. The Woman's Home Mission Society has received and paid in from designated gifts on the Chinese property somewhat more than \$2,800. The Japanese church has pledged \$8,750, and paid in to date \$6,000. Of this amount friends over the

country have contributed to aid the Japanese in meeting their obligation.

The buildings have been well constructed, and the contracts economically administered under the supervision of Secretary J. F. Watson, to whom unlimited credit is due for the vision and interest as well as the enterprise and management that have carried these projects through to completion. The architect of both buildings, Mr. Schack, is a Christian man who has taken more than a professional interest in this work.

On the day of dedication of their building the Japanese Sunday school met in the old building and marched in triumph to the new edifice. A greater contrast it would be difficult to conceive than the one between the old building and the new home into which they have entered. The Sunday school numbered more than 300 actual members. The problem of organizing the work in the new building is an interesting one. It will tax the present building almost to capacity, but it is proceeding along departmental lines. The first church service witnessed the baptism of twenty-five new disciples, an impressive and never to be forgotten sight.



CHINESE BAPTIST CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CENTER, SEATTLE

The dedication took place in the afternoon, and the friends crowded the building far beyond capacity. Dr. Watson presided, and Pastor Okasaki made a brief but telling address, reviewing the history of this church, of which he has been the pastor for thirty years, during which time he had baptized more than three hundred members. The first convert baptized became an evangelist and is still laboring with success in Japan.

The young people and choruses impressed us profoundly. In fact it is this group of promising young people which challenges us in this enterprise. The sermon was preached by Secretary Br × :s, of the Home Mission Society, and greetings were brought from the Woman's Home Mission Society by one of the vice-presidents, Mrs. H. W. Foster, of Seattle. The dedicatory prayer

was offered by Dr. Hicks, of the Tremont Church, and appropriate Scripture was read by Rev. F. B. Matthews, of the University Church.

The building provides an attractive church auditorium, with a standard gymnasium, showers, class and club rooms and kindergarten quarters. The interior finish is simple but very attractive, and the entire plant adapted to an all the week program of activity

In addition to the pastor, Rev. F. Okasaki, the staff consists of Miss Florence Rumsey, field missionary, Miss Esther McCullough in charge of the day school and home classes, Miss May Herd, worker among girls, Miss Harriet Dithridge, kindergartner, and a volunteer worker in the kindergarten who is doing excellent work. Paul Gates, formerly a missionary in Japan, is in charge of the work for boys and young men.

There are 6,000 Japanese in Seattle and several thousand more in the rural regions and outlying settlements. Our work is far and away the most flourishing and aggressive of any work being done among the Japanese in America, and for it we have every right to be profoundly grateful. Members of the church are scattered over America and Japan. The future is full of promise.

The building of the Chinese Church is located in a

different section, but well situated for the work it is to do. It is well adapted, too, to the program and is remarkably well constructed and planned. It was overcrowded dedication day. The gallery was filled early in the service with the two children's choruses that gave way later to make room for adults. Dr. Watson presided, Secretary Brooks preached the sermon, Mrs. H. W. Foster again brought greetings from the Woman's Home Mission Society. Dr. A. M. Bailey, of the First Church, read the Scripture, and Pastor Dark, of the Tabernacle Church, offered the dedicatory prayer. Words of welcome were brought in English by Mr. Hwang, one of the officers of the church, followed by Pastor Lum Ming Tak, pastor for nine years. The Chinese Consul, who is a member of the church, made an effective address of felicitation. The missionary workers under appointment by the Woman's Board are Miss Jane Skiff, who has been on the field for fifteen years and rendered faithful and efficient service. With her Miss Alice Snape, who has been there four or five years, is happy in a fruitful service. A good night school is under the direction of Mrs. Shepherd, who is ably assisted by Mrs. Randall and Mrs. Dayton. There are fifty-four young men in this school and a number of conversions are reported from the pupils.



JANE SKIFF'S CLASS AT SEATTLE: MARY CHINN, ANNIE WOO, ANNA ACHIA, LONNIA WOO, LILY CHINN, LONA CHINN, ROSE YOW

The Cross at Turnov

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

BY FREDERICK E. TAYLOR, D.D.



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HEREVER the traveler goes in Europe he finds the cross. Especially is this true in Czechoslovakia, the land of John Hus. Not only on the cathedrals but all along the highways there are crosses, many of them with the figure of Christ and many of

them covered with a modern canopy to protect the figure from the weather. In front of the peasants' cottages and in the fields where men and women are laboring it is a common sight to see a cross six or eight feet high.

As I looked out of the window of my hotel room at Turnov I saw a cross on the opposite side of the square. It was a little different from any I had seen before. On the corner of the square was a great church building. Leaning against this church building was a wooden cross at least fifteen to twenty feet high. It looked as though someone had just placed it there in a careless sort of away. But I learned that it was permanent and had been there for years. Underneath the cross stood a group of soldiers talking. All around were people going about their affairs as usual in every way. The places of sin were easily found within a short distance. Men were lounging, drinking, carousing, all within speaking distance of that cross.

For a thousand years the church that had made much of crucifixes had dominated the religion of that country but had made little impression on the life of the people. Apparently the only Christ the people knew was a dead Christ. The church existed for itself; there were crosses on all the churches but the cross seldom got into the lives of the leaders of the church. The sight of that large cross made me realize again that the only hope of the world is the life which that cross represents. Not more crosses on church buildings, not more golden crosses to be worn as ornaments, but the spirit of the cross in human hearts.

The spirit of the cross is the only hope of a world that is struggling blindly along trying to find a way out of the chaos brought about by the war. In every department of life there is a desire for something or some one to save the situation. One of our labor papers about a year ago carried an editorial that covered the entire front page. It clearly stated that the only hope of the labor world was Jesus Christ and His spirit of unselfishness. The Wall Street Journal said some time ago:

"What America needs more than railway extension, and western irrigation, and a low tariff, and a bigger wheat crop, and a merchant marine, and a new navy, is a revival of piety, the kind father and mother used to have; piety that counted it good business to stop for daily family prayer before breakfast, right in the middle of the harvest; that quit field work a half hour early Wednesday night so as to get the chores done and go to prayer-meeting. That's just what we need now to clean this country of filth, of graft and of greed, petty and big, of worship of fine houses and big lands, and high office and grand social functions."

Of course that means to come back to the spirit of the Christ in daily life. It means placing Christ at the center of the home and of business life.

The spirit of the cross is the only hope of world peace.

Just so long as selfishness and hatred and desire for vengeance prevail there can be no world peace. The only person in the world who can drive out a spirit of hatred and selfishness is our Lord and Master. The spirit of the cross will have to be in the council chambers of the nations before a peace worthy of the name can be secured. We have been asking who's to blame for the war? Well, no one in Germany will admit that she is to blame. In fact one of the leaders in religious life said to an American, "Germany was not to blame for the war. France and England and America brought on the war." That from a cultured Christian man is an indication of the blindness of some very good people.

While we may never settle that question to everyone's satisfaction there is a question which we in America must help to answer. Who is to blame for the continuance of the war spirit? And another which America must face is, who will be most to blame if war continues?

The spirit of the cross must dominate national and international life or the world is doomed. If we seek to save ourselves as a nation we will lose ourselves. God does not have one set of ethics for America and a different set for Europe. Have we forgotten the story of Meroz—that group of people who sat quietly and did nothing when there was a great question being settled? Everywhere in Europe one hears this expression uttered by all sorts of people, "America is the hope of the world." But suppose she fails? Suppose she elects to look out for number one? Israel tried it. She refused to accept her responsibility to help the world of her day and she failed to save herself.

The spirit of the cross is the only hope of our denomination. Whenever our churches have unselfishly sought to advance the kingdom of God, whenever they have had the worldwide vision, whenever they have been permeated with a passion for the promotion of Christ's Gospel, it has been because they have realized the truth of Jesus' words, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth by itself alone, but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

When the New World Movement apportionments were ready for assignment to the churches the state secretary of Indiana called all the pastors of the state to a meeting in the city of Indianapolis. At the close of a supper Dr. Dinsmore spoke of the New World Movement, told how the great gathering at Denver unanimously voted the program presented, and then told them of the great sum of money needed from Indiana. As the pastors in that meeting realized what that meant there was silence. Men were there who needed and sadly needed larger salaries. If they voted to go out for this great sum it meant another four years of sacrifice. Men were there who had new church edifices planned. Some were planning to build parsonages, others wanted Sunday school buildings. If their churches gave the amount they were asked for, it meant the holding up of all such cherished plans. There was a period of heart-searching and a season of prayer. Then one man rose and said, "We have

our plans all made, we were to begin our new church edifice very soon, we have worked and prayed for it, but," and then he choked with emotion, and tears came, "we must give it up and wait four years; this movement is of God and He must have the right of way. I will go back and lead my people to victory in this campaign if possible." We all began to realize we were at the Cross as man after man rose and stated his willingness to wait for his own plans to be fulfilled until the denominational program was completed. Our whole state felt the impulse of that meeting and the work has never been so greatly blessed as it has during these days. Churches have done the impossible and never again will they go back to the old standards and ideals. More than this, God has honored the spirit of sacrifice on the part of the pastors and we have more buildings, better salaries for the ministers, and more souls have been won for Christ than ever before. The hope of our denomination is the spirit of sacrificial devotion to the task of worldwide evangelism.

The spirit of the Cross is the hope of the local church. On a recent Sunday early in the evening, I stood and listened to the reports of 63 teams of men who had been out all the afternoon calling on the church membership. They went out on a raw cold afternoon to visit every home, to carry a note of cheer, to secure 500 tithers, to promote the spirit of interest in a year's program. Many had never done such a thing. They were fearful and afraid. Among the men were a number who had only confessed Christ recently—indeed two who were baptized that morning. There were bankers, lawyers, judges, physicians, dentists, clerks, salesmen—men of all sorts and from every walk of life.

After several hours of visitation they came back. What a change had been wrought in these men! They could hardly wait to tell of their experiences, and when they began it was hard to stop them. They told of visiting the sick and the aged. They secured the names of scores of people for the Sunday school. They received new pledges for the New World Movement. They found a large number of people willing to become tithers. They all wanted to go out on just such a trip twice a year and voted unanimously that it was one of the greatest days in their spiritual experience. Whether they knew it or not, it was the spirit of the cross at work. When they unselfishly sought to be of service to their Lord they came back even as the seventy did in triumph.

Suppose our whole Northern Baptist Convention should go forth into the new year in this spirit. Suppose we should for a year at least forget all of our personal differences and devote ourselves, our talents and our money to God. What a year of gladness it would be! How the kingdom of God would advance! What a spirit of courage would come to our missionaries! What a spiritual uplift would come to all of our churches! Shall we not begin now to cultivate the Spirit of the Cross?

"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Were all the realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

An Open Letter To Northern Baptists

BROTHERS IN THE FAITH:

Have you a little baby in your home—child, grandchild, nephew or niece? Then read this from Russia, appearing in a bulletin of the General Relief Committee:

In the evening the children who had died during the day were gathered and placed in heaps outside. A garbage cart stopped during the night and the baby bodies were loaded in.

Suppose one of these babies had been your child—the little body stark and cold starting on its last ride but carrying your heart with it.

Relief Sunday is January 21. Do not forget it. Five million face starvation.

Try to realize the affection, the loyalty, the self-sacrifice revealed in the following words from a report by Dr. W. O. Lewis:

The men starved to death much sooner than the women. After it was realized that the famine was sweeping away the men who would have to do the hard work in the fields, women and children and all insisted that the men should eat enough to keep themselves alive even if the rest of the family died.

Dream about it—and the dark hours will be filled with nightmares. Pray about it—and you will understand the Master's bloody sweat. Act upon it—and thousands will bless God for Baptist faith.

Read the announcement on the second cover page regarding the special offering for European Relief. We gave last year—and the year before. But shall we not give and give again—while God allows us?

Very sincerely yours,

P. H. J. Lerrigo, Home Secretary American Baptist Foreign Mission Society 23

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BUNDLES AT THE WAREHOUSE FROM HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES—CAN YOU PICK OUT YOURS?

The Ship That Was Rushed to Russia

BY WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD



OST readers of Missions were doubtless greatly surprised when they noted on page 609 of the November issue the announcement that there was to be another "Ship of Fellowship." No preliminary publicity had been given to the project.

Indeed even the Boards of Managers of the two Foreign Mission Societies did not know definitely until their October meeting that any relief effort similar to that a year ago would be needed. It had been hoped that during the spring and summer months conditions in Europe would have so improved as to make such relief measures unnecessary.

Fortunately most countries had experienced an improvement in conditions, so that the shortage of clothing was not nearly so acute as it was during the preceding winter. In the case of Russia, however, conditions had become worse instead of better. Reports by agents of the American Relief Administration, confirmed by our European Commissioner, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, indicated an appalling need of clothing. In September the Foreign Mission Society's representative, Dr. W. O. Lewis, visited Russia and sent back to the Board a report that described conditions almost incredible. Two extracts from that report will show how extremely urgent was the need and how dependent the people were upon friends in other countries and particularly in America for help in their dire distress. Writing from Russia Dr. Lewis reports:

"Never in my life have I seen so many people almost en-

tirely naked and clothed in such rags. None of the pictures do the subject justice. At many stations, children, and women, and in some cases men, begged all around the train for bread. These are in large part refugees who are leaving the famine areas trying to get to places where they have heard there is a little food to be had. They ride the bumpers and hang on the trains anywhere they can get a foothold. Often it seemed to me that there were more on the outside of the trains than on the inside. In the stations great crowds of people are lying in rags, dirty and lousy, trying to get to some better place. In all the waiting rooms, where I stopped, the floors at night were so nearly completely covered with men, women and children that it was next to impossible to walk.

In his description of conditions in Southern Russia, he writes:

"Many children have been gathered into orphans' homes. These places are the worst places in all of Russia. The children sleep on the floor in filth, or if on a bed at all, it is a bed with no mattress, just a rag spread on a board or two. The places are overcrowded. The boys and girls are mixed together indiscrimately. Nearly all the children are lousy and full of vermin. They do not have water to wash nor clothes to change even if their clothes could be washed. I am positive that there are more than one-half million children who cannot even get into these institutions. They wander on the streets, begging and sleeping in any empty

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PACKERS SORTING AND WEIGHING BUNDLES AT THE WAREHOUSE

bouse or anywhere they can. In Odessa one of our Baptist women told me that a few doors from her house was a basement where these children crawl in at night. That week they had taken out a child that had died there in the night from hunger and cold.

These reports did not reach America until early in October, and Dr. Rushbrooke arrived October 11. It was at once realized that if anything was to be done to meet the emergency, quick action was necessary. Recognizing the fearful need, and remembering the magnificent response which had greeted the appeal in the fall of 1921 to "Fill a Ship in Fellowship," the Foreign Mission Board felt under obligation to undertake this relief service not only in giving expression to a feeling of sympathy but also as a demonstration of genuine Christian helpfulness. Last year nine countries were included in the distribution of supplies and Russia received only her proportionate share. This year Russia was to have practically all that our people contributed.

At its October meeting, the Board decided unanimously to present this need to the denomination, and a brief advertising campaign was projected. Remembering the inspiring appeal of the slogan "Fill a Ship in Fellowship," which had so captivated the imagination of our people, another slogan was invented, "Rush a Ship to Russia." Shipping tags were printed in great quantities; the denominational periodicals, *The Baptist, The Watchman-*

Examiner and the others, including the November issue of Missions (the publication of which was slightly delayed through the courtesy of the editor), once more generously devoted columns and pages of space in giving the plan widespread publicity. A letter was sent to every pastor, requesting the cooperation of his church, and a letter was also forwarded to the friends who supplied packages last year, asking their assistance in this second achievement. An expert packing concern was engaged, and a large warehouse rented to receive and store the supplies. Only a limited time—until November 12—was designated for forwarding the packages, since it was desired to have the entire achievement out of the way without interfering with the regular activities of the White Cross Circles or the educational program of the Home Mission Societies. The publicity therefore particularly stressed the fact that any response to the appeal for Russia should not occasion a diminution of interest in the work and support of either of the Home Mission Societies, inasmuch as the autumn months were known as the Home Mission Period, culminating with the Christmas offering in the Sunday schools.

The response of the denomination was far beyond anything that had been anticipated. It was realized that in the limited time only a small fraction of what had been gathered together a year ago could reasonably be expected this year. Nevertheless, beginning on Monday, October 23, the express wagons, trucks and mail wagons, day after day stopped in front of the warehouse, dumping an increasingly large assortment of barrels, cases, crates, boxes, bags, sacks and packages on the sidewalk. The largest number of packages was received on Wednesday, November 15, when 1,531 different pieces were delivered at the warehouse. These packages came from all sections of the country, showing the wide interest in this ministry of helpful service and demonstrating again that an appeal to relieve human misery always meets with sympathetic response from our people.

The Baptists of Southern California, with their characteristic cooperative efficiency, gathered together their contributions in an exceedingly brief space of time, shipping nearly eight tons of goods, with a value of more than \$12,000. All of it went by steamship from Los Angeles to New York through the Panama Canal. The Luckenbach Steamship Company graciously donated all transportation charges, thus carrying the entire shipment to New York free of expense. The Board of Managers forwarded a letter of appreciation to the company for this courtesy. In writing of this achievement, Dr. Frederick G. Davies, Promotion Director for Southern California, says, "Considering that we had only thirteen days from the time your communication reached us until our supplies were to be on the steamship dock, it is a marvel to me the way our churches have responded. I do not think I have ever known of anything being so well done in so short a time."

On Monday afternoon, November 20th, Secretary J. F. Love of the Southern Board, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Secretary Franklin and I visited the warehouse in Brooklyn. Its immense floor was a vast area of packing activity. An express truck had just discharged at the door an assortment of bundles and packages that had come from all sections of the country. Huge piles of goods rose from different parts of the floor like mountain peaks, emerging above the plain. In the center stood two great baling machines, worked by electricity and hydraulic

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pressure. Two men were feeding into the mouths of these machines hundreds of garments. At a given signal a third man would pull a lever and the heavy steel frame would descend, pressing tightly the garments into bales weighing 200 pounds each, which were then sewn in burlap and bound with wire. In one corner nearly 400 bales were already piled high to the ceiling, awaiting transportation to the steamship pier. Other men busily engaged in unpacking the boxes and bundles, and sorting their contents, seemed to make no perceptible reduction in the size of the huge pile before them. Any reader of Missions who might have visited the warehouse would have agreed that our denomination had again set itself to a superb task and had achieved it successfully.

It would be almost impossible to list in detail the variety of containers in which the clothing and other supplies had been shipped from the thousands of churches. An indication of how carefully people follow instructions was clearly shown in the fact that the great majority of containers were sacks or bags made of burlap. One of the shipping instructions sent to every church was that articles could be most easily and economically shipped in such fashion. Fully three-fourths of the supplies forwarded came in burlap bags. The remaining onefourth proved to be an amazing variety. There were barrels and huge boxes, some of them even bound in wire; bags which had once contained flour; hundreds of paper packages and scores of big cardboard cartons that originally had been used for shipping shredded wheat, popular brands of coffee, breakfast foods and a well-known kitchen cleanser. At the bottom of one pile we saw an ancient trunk, a type that is seldom seen in baggage cars It had evidently reposed many years in some far away attic until its final opportunity of service came when it was selected for this ministry of relief in carrying its precious contents to the warehouse for shipment to Russia. There was also a large carton that had at one time carried cigarettes, doubtless to some retail tobacco store, thus indicating how something originally sent on an errand of questionable value might nevertheless redeem itself later through humanitarian service.

Of unusual interest were the contents of those packages. It was fascinating to watch the men unpack the bundles. Practically everything was in good condition, clean and durable, and hardly anything had to be discarded. However motley the array of boxes, bags and cartons, each package told the story of a response to human need, the answer to a human appeal, and an effort to relieve those in distress. There were the usual varieties of garments for women, excellent suits for men, hundreds of sweaters, silk-lined cloaks, overalls, stockings, kitchen aprons and all the known and unknown varieties of underwear. We noticed also articles of wearing apparel which have long been out of fashion in America, such as leggings and wristlets, which will be of good service in Russia.

There seemed to be a number of preachers' frock coats. Perhaps these are also going out of style! Indeed, one of the leading Baptist preachers in the denomination, a man whose name is familiar to every reader of Missions, told me only a few days ago that his tailor had recently finished a handsome new cutaway suit which he now wore in his pulpit. His Prince Albert frock coat had therefore been sent to the warehouse for use in Russia! Whether or not it will be worn by a preacher over there remains to be seen. Perhaps it may be used as an overcoat or may even do service as a blanket. It was gratifying to



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see how many people had sent quantities of unbleached muslin cloth for the making of underwear suits in Russia, Needles, thread and buttons accompanied these packages, as had been requested. There was also a quantity of soap, hundreds of pairs of shoes, rubbers, and even rubber boots. The most curious thing of all was a box of talcum powder. One wonders what the donor had in mind in sending such an article to Russia. Of course it will get there, for it also found its way into the immense baling machine. In one bale there was a khaki army shirt. What a story that piece of wearing apparel could tell. Perhaps it was worn by a man who saw service in France, or possibly with the American forces in Northern Russian during the terrible winter of 1917-1918. Upon its return it was perhaps worn for a little while by the ex-soldier in America, and now it is going again across: the sea to keep warm some other man in Russia.

During these busy weeks, the mail at the offices of the Foreign Mission Societies became increasingly heavy. Numerous letters were received, requesting additional information, asking for extra shipping tags, announcing that packages had been forwarded, and others enclosing checks in order to purchase such articles as might be needed. The appeal evidently reached people who ordinarily do not contribute to Baptist missionary activities. A member of a banking firm in New York City heard of

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BALING MACHINES DISCHARGING COMPLETED BALES

BALE PACKED READY FOR SEWING AND STAMPING

the plan, and forwarded his check for \$50. One of the most inspiring communications came from an elderly lady, an inmate in an old people's home. Some friend had sent her one dollar as a gift for her own personal use. Instead of spending it on some personal article that she doubtless sorely needed, she sent it with a letter to New York, writing in that letter, "I have no garments to send, but I can send a little money, which is as much needed. Because I can do so little is no reason why I should do nothing."

As this article is being written the warehouse is busily engaged in the task of baling the final consignment of packages. The entire shipment was booked to leave New York on some steamship chartered by the American Relief Administration during the first week in December. It is estimated that nearly 1,200 bales constituted this immense shipment, and these bales contained hundreds of thousands of garments for men, women and children. The distribution will be made under the general direction of the American Relief Administration, of which Mr. Herbert Hoover is chairman. That organization is transporting all these supplies from New York to Russia without expense of ocean freight to the denomination. Every bale is stamped in large letters with the words "American Baptist Relief," so that all will know the source and origin of this helpful ministry. Baptist relief committees as last year, will be used in distributing, and the Baptists of Russia will not be overlooked,

but the distribution will be made to all who have need of help, irrespective of racial, political or religious affiliations. Our own representative, Dr. W. O. Lewis, was to meet the ship upon its arrival in Odessa, and accompany the goods to the various centers of distribution. It is hoped that an article from him, describing the distribution will be available for publication in an early issue.

Thus ends another chapter in the unique service of relief to destitute Europe on the part of American Baptists. During these winter days multitudes of men will be walking the streets in the towns of Russia clad in coats and overcoats from America. Women will be kept warm in the garments that have come from the women of our, churches, and multitudes of children will play in the Rus sian snow dressed in sweaters, leggings and stockings outgrown by the Baptist children in America. Thousands? of infants will arrive in the homes of Russia during these winter weeks and will be saved from an existence of dirty. rags and vermin-infested beds of straw and will be snugly tucked away in blankets from America. The people of Russia will look with deep gratitude and profound appreciation to America as a friend in need, who came to them; in their hour of distress, and they will see again a demonstration of that great principle announced by the Master so long ago, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me."

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

My Offering for the Kingdom must be:

A Loving Gift to carry the love of Christ.

An Intelligent Gift, for my prayers must go with it.

A Generous Gift, since God has given to me so generously.

A Personal Gift to Christ, since He asks me to do it for Him.

A Willing Gift, since no other is acceptable to Him.

A Disinterested Gift, since heathen women and children can make no return.

A Joyful Gift, since it carries good tidings of great joy.

A Speedy Gift, for the time is short and the need pressing.

A Gift through which I go myself to tell of redemption for the world.

-From Missionary Manual, by Frank Montague Swaffield.



REV. BENJAMIN URQUIDI AND HIS NEW CHURCH IN SANTA BARBARA

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UST Benjamin takes care of me." The Mexican boy was quite positive about it. He had strayed into the Mexican day school conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Troyer, two of our Baptist missionaries in Southern California, and said that he wanted to

learn American lessons. He could not remember his ather and mother. His brother Benjamin took care of im and his younger brother. Yes, Benjamin earned all the money and cooked all the meals.

When Mr. and Mrs. Troyer visited the little fellow's home they found Benjamin there, a timid Mexican youth who would answer scarcely a question about himself. Evidently he was doing all he could to keep up the house for his brothers. A chair or two, and a few boxes to sit on, and in one corner a board fastened to the wall to serve s a dining table were the only pieces of furniture. And Benjamin did not want strangers to see the bareness of it 1. He did his best to make the missionaries understand at they were not wanted there.

However, the missionaries were deaf to all of Benamin's rebuffs and visited the home again and again. ometimes the little brothers told them that Benjamin vas not in when the visitors very plainly could see him hrough the tiny opening in the door; or on other occaions they saw him rushing out the back door and down ill to avoid meeting his persistent callers.

After a dozen failures to gain another interview with Benjamin, the missionaries one Sunday morning were surprised to see the boy at the mission. Jesus touched nis heart that day and he went away a new person. He vas the first Mexican young man baptized by Mr. Troyer .n Southern California. His conversion made a wonderful lifference in his life. He was satisfied no longer with his surroundings and confided to the missionary his ambitions. He said be believed his people could make faster

progress with the help of the Saviour and that they too could become worthy citizens.

Benjamin laid great plans, yet he realized that to make all the desired changes in his life and home he needed study and employment. Indeed, the converted Mexicans are wonderful that way. They seem to think of study and employment as soon as they accept Jesus as their only Mediator and Friend.

"Please get me a job," said Benjamin.

For once the missionary was completely stumped. It was her first experience as an employment agent. How could she go about it? Her first thought was to get in touch with a regular employment agency. Then she decided to do a little first hand soliciting. The first man she interviewed in Benjamin's behalf was the proprietor of a number of large cafeterias. He told her that he had no place for a young Mexican.

"But you will find Benjamin a different sort of Mexican from those with whom you have had dealings," said Mrs.

"I am not so sure about that."

"A wonderful thing has happened to Benjamin," went on the missionary bravely. "I must find him work so that he can carry out his splendid plans. I believe that God is going to use you in some way in Him Benjamin."

For a moment the business man looked doubtful. Then a smile lighted up his face. "Mrs. Troyer," he said, "perhaps you're right. Benjamin can have employment here. Tell him to call in the morning."

The young man began by washing dishes. Within six months he was one of the buyers for his employer's entire string of restaurants. He moved with his brothers from the little shack into a cozy home and steadily rose in power. He became the superintendent of the Sunday school organized as a result of the day school, and soon

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began to help open up other stations. He applied himself to Bible study and learned long passages by heart.

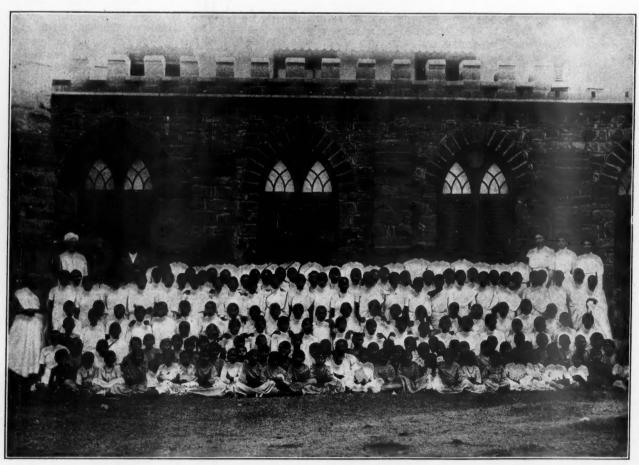
The years have passed since the occurrence of the events which made this story possible. No doubt the story has become familiar to some for this is not the first printing of it.* It may be that some have wondered what became of Benjamin. In Southern California one need not journey far to find a satisfactory answer.

After several years of practical Christian work Benjamin left home for a three-year course of study at the Louisville Seminary. Returning to his beloved land of sunshine he was soon made pastor of the Mexican Baptist Church of Santa Barbara, California. That occurred July 1, 1916. He is still pastor of this growing body of worshipers, and the character of work carried on by himself, his wife and loyal fellow workers furnishes an inspiring aftermath of the bit of history narrated above.

The Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society sent Miss Sammie Harwell as a missionary to this field in July, 1919. As she was soon obliged to leave on account of her mother's illness, Miss Minnie Uriegas succeeded her and remained on the field until her marriage in April, 1921. Miss Mabel Ruff entered upon the work the following September.

The membership of the church has increased from 16 to approximately 100 during the six years of Rev. Benjamin Urquidi's pastorate. Under his leadership several young people have dedicated their lives to Christian service. One young man, baptized in 1920, entered the Baptist Seminary in Saltillo, Mexco, where he is studying for the ministry. In September, 1922, another young man left for the same seminary. Two young women have gone out from this church to become trained nurses. A number of fine young people are present at all the services. Visitors do not forget the prayer-meetings in which old and young lift their voices in prayer and song, led by the senior deacon, Emidio Olivera, who became blind soon after his conversion in 1901. The deacon and his wife celebrated their golden wedding in 1919. His joy has been great as he has witnessed the epochal days of the church's history, the greatest of which were the organization of the church, the coming of the first pastor, Rev. Antonio Jimenez (Him'-en-eth), the ordination of Benjamin Urquidi and the dedication of the new auditorium on July 2, 1922, atwhich he offered the dedicatory prayer.

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Girls' Boarding and Day School at Ongole, South India, with Misses Ursula Dresser, Kate W. Failing and Amelia E. Dessa, American teachers. Includes Training, Model and Industrial School; has 19 native teachers, 250 girls. The School is rejoicing in its new building, a result of the Jubilee Fund. There are over 190 in boarding, from little tots to seniors in the Training School. The teachers are seen at the right in the rear.

Progress in Native Leadership in Our Far Eastern Missions

BY JAMES H. FRANKLIN, D.D.



O A very great extent history is a series of biographies. The more notable movements have been the extended shadows of strong men and women. Individuals have been God's instruments in meeting the world's crises. This has been true in

religious movements especially, from the earliest time to the present moment. We think immediately of Moses, Isaiah, Paul, Augustine, Hus, Luther, Carey, Judson, and a multitude of others. "The Sons of the Kingdom" have always been the "good seed" planted by the Eternal to produce His harvest. And note: good seed. Every great movement in Christian history seems to have been

led by a prepared person.

At the very beginning of the modern missionary movement there must have been men who saw the need for native Christian leaders of best ability, as well as of heroic spirit. Certainly most of the missionaries soon recognized that the task was too great for foreign forces alone, but it must be admitted that at first not many, either in the home churches or in the missionary ranks, seemed to appreciate the importance of working patiently for the development of a native Christian leadership fully equal to the best to be found in Europe or America. Long ago, however, it was recognized that the extensive work of evangelism in any land must be done by the natives of that land. Nor is it a new thought that the problem is not merely one of the employment of a sufficiently large force of "native assistants." Men and women must emerge to direct, not merely to assist in, the Christian work in their own lands. Now it is recognized on well-nigh every hand, that in the Orient the Oriental must increase while the foreign missionary must steadily decrease in responsibility for the direction of organized Christian work.

Many of the Oriental Christians are sure that the cooperation of the missionary forces, and in larger measure, is essential for many years to come. But they wish it to be cooperation on the part of the Christian forces of Europe and America, not domination. In some sections, where the work is still in the pioneer stages, direction by foreigners is still necessary, for a time at least, but in other parts of the Far East the hour has come which calls for a different policy—a policy of fraternal cooperation with a grateful recognition of the right and readiness of the native Christian forces to the first place in the administration of organized Christian work in their own countries. In the sections where such progress has been made there are many missionaries rejoicing that native leaders are appearing whose hearts God has touched, and who promise to be prophets and servants of the Most High to their own people. They rejoice, too, that under such leadership there is a prospect of the removal of the stigma, "a foreign religion," which has interfered so seriously with the progress of Christianity in the East.

Naturally, Northern Baptists will ask what progress in native leadership is being made on our own fields. This article is an attempt to make a partial answer to that question with reference to some of our Far Eastern missions in which notable progress has been made in recent

years. While it is true that we have made only a good beginning, the steps already taken are significant and have attracted considerable attention and favorable comment. A few specific illustrations will be cited.

The President of the Japan Baptist Theological Seminary, at Tokyo, is Rev. Y. Chiba, D.D., a graduate of Colby College and of Rochester Theological Seminary. On his faculty are other Japanese Baptists who have studied in America, as well as two of the ablest missionaries under appointment by our Society. The Principal of the Mabie Memorial School at Yokohama is Dr. Takata, a Baptist graduate of the Imperial University of Japan. On the large faculty of that institution are five other graduates of the Imperial University and three American missionaries. It is said that in all Japan no middle school (called high school in America), whether a government or a private institution, has a stronger faculty. The boards of trustees of these schools are composed

equally of Japanese and missionaries.

In the administration of the general evangelistic work of the Japan Mission representatives chosen by the Japanese Baptist Convention or Associations have equal voice with the missionaries, and no one can serve as a member of the Joint Committee unless the church of which he is a member is making satisfactory progress towards self-support. The plan is working admirably, resulting in still more careful oversight of the work, stronger insistence on self-support, a better understanding between the Japanese churches and the missionaries, the preparation of laymen and pastors for larger responsibilities, and a growing esprit de corps. Under such a plan the number of self-supporting Baptist churches in Japan has been increased several fold within six years. At the same time several churches have secured pastors with the best preparation they could secure in our theological schools in America. Such pastors are capable of a leadership that is already resulting in a larger life for the churches and the denomination. Thus a real beginning has been made, and both the missionaries and the Japanese Baptists are earnestly seeking to know the next steps in a program which calls for increased responsibility for the Japanese, both in financial support and in the administration of their work.

In China, too, a native leadership is emerging which promises much for our work. It must be admitted, however, that here also we were slow in finding native leaders capable of bearing large responsibilities, chiefly because we were slow in establishing schools in which such leaders could be trained. Barely more than fifteen years ago we made our first move toward college work in China. Today Northern Baptists are helping to support four colleges in China, one of which is for women exclusively, and another is coeducational. In China, where learning is so respected, few if any men without good education will be followed by the nation. Now, although we were late in helping to support institutions of higher learning in China, it is evident that in some sections of the country our missions have in recent years discovered and trained a goodly number of able men and have placed them in positions of real responsibility.

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The first graduating class at Shanghai Baptist College included two men. One of them came to America, secured the degree of Master of Arts at Brown University, and that of Doctor of Philosophy at Yale University. Today he is vice-president of Shanghai College, where he is recognized as a pronounced spiritual force as well as an able administrator and teacher of science. The other man took university training in America and graduated at Rochester Theological Seminary. Today he is pastor of a growing Baptist church in Shanghai, where, in addition to the large number of plain people, he has in his congregation fifteen or more Chinese college graduates. His usefulness and that of his church will be greatly increased whenever the rented hall can be abandoned for a worthy house of worship. Such a house of worship is urgently required to conserve the results of our work on the fields whose people drift into the great city. Expecially is a good building needed to conserve the interest of alumni of Shanghai College who, upon leaving the warm spiritual atmosphere of that institution and settling in business, are in great need of the help of an attractive church service.

At Hangchow a graduate of Shanghai College is the pastor of another self-supporting church. His powers are recognized by others who have coveted his services, but at large personal sacrifice he has shown his preference for service with his own denomination. Another has general oversight of the evangelistic work in a large district. Another is a supervisor of the primary schools supported by the Mission.

At Kinhwa, East China, a most important step has been taken. With the assistance of several single women—a trained nurse, an accountant, a teacher of English—the work of the General Board is to be carried on by trained Chinese leaders. The fine old pastor of the church and the principal of the boys' school are assisted by an alumnus of Shanghai College who studied in America. Three Chinese Christian physicians, one educated in America, are in charge of the large hospital. We should pray for the success of this test of Chinese leadership at Kinhwa. The difficulties are so great that one must not promise too much, but the possibilities are inspiring. With humility and heroism in the hearts of the leaders and with God's help for them, something may be achieved at Kinhwa which will be epoch-marking.

One of the most notable developments in mission work in China in recent times has been a gift by non-Christian Chinese of money and property amounting to about \$300,000 for the establishment and support of a school at Ding-hae, near Ningpo. This school, with about 550 boys in attendance, has for its principal one of the strong Chinese Baptist leaders, Professor Tong, who served for years as vice-president of Shanghai College. Principal Tong and Missionary Hylbert are entrusted with the responsibility of selecting the faculty of twenty-six members for the great school at Ding-hae.

In one of our missions the executive committee of the Chinese Association, with two missionaries added, administers most of the evangelistic work of the entire field.

This committee joined with the missionaries in working out plans for the conduct of the work at Kinhwa under Chinese leadership, and will continue to give advice regarding the conduct of the work on that field.

In April, 1922, members of all of the Chinese Missions of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and Chinese leaders from the several fields came together at Shanghai for several days of most earnest conference. It was the first time that some of the Chinese preachers from far away Szechuan had ever traveled outside of their own Province where the work is necessarily conducted on lines somewhat different from those which have been adopted on other fields. It meant much to the missionaries from North, South and East China, and to Chinese Baptists as well, to study together their common problems. As a result of the conference at Shanghai, a Baptist Council was organized, composed of Chinese and foreign representatives from the three fields in which our Foreign Mission Society is at work. It is the chief purpose of this Council to make a study of the needs of China and to formulate recommendations for the advancement of the work as a whole, including the development of Chinese leadership. This is a most important proposal.

Perhaps it has been noted that throughout this article the words "emerging" and "developing" have been used. They have been used deliberately, for we are merely at the beginning of the realization of a great ideal. We are far from the goal, but we believe that several of the missions have made real progress toward that goal, and that in general the missionaries are moving in the right direction. Necessarily some missions have been retarded in the realization of their ideals, but it may be said that the missions of the Far East are facing in the same direction.

Seven years ago the Board of Managers of the General Society adopted the policy of assisting picked men from the Orient, who were recommended by the missions, to take graduate work in American institutions. Thus far the policy has worked very satisfactorily. Already several of these young men have returned for service in the Orient and about a dozen more are now studying in American universities and theological seminaries. So far as is known to the Board, the missionaries in China and Japan are unanimous in the approval of this policy, and the results thus far appear to fully justify it. While education alone is not sufficient, it is encouraging to know that Christian young men of heroic spirit are now returning for service in our Baptist work in Japan and China with as fine intellectual training as has been given to Chinese and Japanese diplomatic representatives to foreign courts. The conviction grows on one that, without the sacrificial spirit of Christiin the lives of the leaders, no policy can succeed. But Oriental Christians of tried character, and with warm hearts, well-trained minds and a a rich personal experience, may be trusted more and more to lead in the Christian movements among their own people. The situation presents problems and perils. It also presents inspiring prospects.



THE EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW



A New Year Accounting with the Authors of Unused Manuscripts

THE beginning of a new year is the time to set one's house in order, make as ample apologies as possible for past omissions, and square up as far as circumstances and page space will permit with contributors whose patience has been tried and who have not always understood why their admirable articles—for admirable

they are—did not promptly appear.

The Editor was much cheered the other day when he heard of a brother editor who on retiring from his sanctum left behind him some fifteen hundred articles which had been accepted during the course of twenty years—to be paid for when used. The new editor was confronted by an appealing letter from a writer who said his article had been accepted on those conditions about twenty years ago, and he had been looking for a check ever since; hence would the editor kindly look the matter up and either return the article or use it and fulfil the condition

as he was rather in need of the quid pro quo.

Our contributors at least are not under that suspense, for they look for no pecuniary reward for their labors. All the more reason why they should be treated with the highest consideration. And truly such is the invariable intent. Pray believe, ye authors of as yet unprinted copy, that the editorial motivation—a word now in vogue whose exact shade of meaning is not of importance so long as it sounds well—is all right. It is the number of able contributors, and the necessity of balance, and the rapidity with which ten point (do you know the difference between ten and eight point? Well, the man who pays the bills does) fills the pages, especially when a fine large halftone comes in, to say nothing of an eleventh hour must from the Boards that be—it is all this that makes it a pleasant but painful task to sit down among the neglected Mss. occasionally and regret that such valuable and interesting matter is not yet in print. Still worse is it when one dreads to get the morning mail, not knowing who next will inquire as to what has happened to the article sent so many weeks or months ago—with variations as to stamps for return if not accepted, only sent because requested by the ladies who heard the poem read, etc., etc. Alas, even editors have their bad quarter-hours!

The New Year starts with a resolution—to make no more promises. Then none will be broken. Was it not promised, as a correspondent did not fail to inform us, that a second pageant or playlet or something would appear—and where was it? How could the set of circumstances be explained that intervened between promise and performance as the weeks had rolled away? Could the secrets of unwilling sanctum housecleaning be exposed as a means of editorial exculpation? No, keep the sanctum sacred and take the blame squarely with the lame "Meant to but couldn't."

Not promising does not mean, however, that some fine articles, which can not grow old because they have the human and not the time element, will not find their way

into our pages. It means simply that promise will be superseded by printing.

Why say this in MISSIONS, instead of just sending a letter to the contributors? This is a sort of letter to them, but it is due them that our readers should know our apologetic state of mind and real regret and that the writers should have public recognition for a real service intended and rendered so far as their part was concerned.

We owe everything to a noble corps of contributors who realize that the missionary work can only be made known to our people if the workers themselves tell about it. To these consecrated coworkers in the great cause, at home and abroad, with heartfelt gratitude for cooperation, Missions sends the wish of a Happy New Year!



A Word with the Men

A good friend of Missions told us the other day that he was talking with a layman in one of our churches and mentioned the magazine, whereupon the man said, "Why, I didn't suppose there was anything for men in Missions, I thought it was just for the women; but I picked up a copy from the table and opened it to a poem called 'Too Tired to Go to Church,' and it hit the nail on the head. I thought I'd have to look into it further and see if there was something in it for men." The friend assured him that he would find plenty every month to interest a man, and called his attention to articles on China, Japan and India, just now in the limelight.

Undoubtedly there are many laymen who have a like idea that a missionary magazine is made for women and children and has little or nothing in it to interest a real man. There is only one way for a man entertaining such a false idea to get rid of it, and that is by doing what this man was fair enough to say he meant to do—look into the

magazine and see.

Missions is edited with a view to a manifold ministry. It endeavors to furnish worldwide missionary information in such varied forms that everybody may find something of interest and value-from kindergarten age to octogenarian, and all ages and grades between. We seek to have in every issue some article worthy the attention of the most thoughtful and intelligent man and woman among us-and as many of that class as possible. We purpose to keep our readers aware of the really great movements in the world's life, remembering always the missionary limitations and claims on space. On the other hand, we do not forget that we have a rising generation to educate, and to interest in missions as a most important part of that education. Nor do we forget that the great majority of people are fond of good pictures, so that the illustrations must be looked out for. Again, Missions is the special organ of the missionary societies, and the missionaries have a right to space for the work of their fields, and missionary news which gets a wide reading. So the effort is to combine the material in each issue in

such wise as to secure the widest reading and the largest results for the great cause. That there is much that ought

to interest a man we are perfectly sure.

This word with the men is to give a piece of information and make a suggestion. The suggestion is that the men who know what Missions contains for a man talk it up to other men and get them to cure their ignorance by experimentation. The information is especially for the men who belong to out Baptist Brotherhoods. We propose to give them Brotherhood news, through the kind cooperation of Dr. Wilcox, and the first instalment will be found in this issue. This will be one definite and unmistakable feature for men—though we are perfectly sure men will not be the only ones to read the Brotherhood pages. Missions can be the missionary medium and news-and-methods exchange for this growing vanguard of Baptist laymen in our churches.



A Beautiful Gift

General Henry M. Robert and his wife have recently made an unusual and very significant gift to the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, in turning over to the Society the royalties on Gen. Robert's forthcoming book on Parliamentary Law, which the Century Company is about to publish. This book is really monumental. It takes up the whole theory and practice of Parliamentary Law, and by plain examples and illustrations makes clear to the student any situation in the conduct of meetings that is likely to occur. Furthermore, Gen. Robert has incorporated in the book answers to questions that have come to him.

In making the gift of this volume, to which General and Mrs. Robert have devoted the unremitting labors of five years of their lives, they indicate that they wish the royalties to be spent for medical work in China; but they make the wise provision that if the time should come when in the judgment of the Board it was unwise to de vote the income to such a purpose, the designation could be changed. Robert's Rules of Order have long been standard. With the publication of this new complete Manual Gen. Robert rounds out a notable service which he has rendered. The orderly conduct of the business of legislative and deliberative bodies is like lubricating oil in a machine—it makes the whole run smoothly.

Baptists will have an added interest in seeing that libraries, colleges, schools and churches are equipped with this Manual, when they know that the income from the publication is to go to one of our great Missionary Societies. And incidentally there is in this unusual gift suggestion to others of how special royalties and incomes may be used to accomplish beneficent and lasting results.



The Winning Spirit

A popular writer says: "It has always seemed to me that the right attitude of church people should be expressed thus: 'I am happy. I have a peace that passeth understanding. I have found the open secret, so that worry does not beset me, circumstances cannot defeat me, tragedy becomes triumph, and death spells hope and not despair.' Do you suppose, if any band of people

talked like that, and so lived that you could see that they were telling the simple truth, that all the world would not want to be like them? They would have to hire police to keep the crowds back." Christians ought to be such a "band of people." A million and a quarter of Northern Baptists ought to be such people, and ought to be talking and living like that just now. That would solve all our problems, eliminate our deficits, and sent the evangel to the ends of the earth. It was Beecher who said:

"A church may have a creed that shall be like Jacob's ladder, uniting heaven and earth, and angels of exposition may run nimbly up and down upon it before the congregation; and yet, if there is no love in that church, unlike the patriarch, it will never wake from its sleep, or lift its head from the pile of stones on which it lies."



Important Information for Donors

By J. Y. AITCHISON, GENERAL DIRECTOR

BASIS OF DISTRIBUTION OF \$10,000,000, THE GOAL SET BY THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION AT INDIANAPOLIS FOR THIS YEAR 1922-1923

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Note: All contributions not applying on pledges made prior to November 15, 1921, and designated for the work of any Society or Board, will be paid to the organization for which the donors designate them in addition to the organization's pro rata share of distributable funds.

2. The first \$7,000,000 of distributable funds to be pro

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Fore	eign Mission Society	\$1,148,350	.16405
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Min	isters & Missionaries Benefit Board .	548,450	.07835
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4. After the total distributable income has reached the \$7,750,000 mark all additional distributable funds shall be paid to participating organizations on the pro rata percentage basis of their askings in the New World Movement Survey as revised at Indianapolis, November 14, 1921.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY THAT THE DENOMINATION RAISE A MINIMUM OF \$7,750,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS ABOVE BY APRIL 30, 1923. UNLESS THIS IS DONE ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE COMPELLED TO INCREASE THEIR INDEBTEDNESS.

NOTE AND COMMENT

- ¶ Once more we are reminded strikingly of Josh Billings' famous saying, "It's better to know fewer things than to know so many that aren't so." Newspaper false reports about moving head-quarters, for example.
- ¶ Someone says that America is a tangled skein of possibilities. That might be the whole world as well as America. And there is no way to unravel it save Christ's way. That belief sends the missionary to the ends of the earth.
- ¶ The U. S. Postoffice Department states that 20,000,000 letters reach the dead letter each year, and that millions more require directory service because of incorrect or insufficient address. MISSIONS has its share of trouble on this account, and we wish we knew how many intending subscribers have not received the magazine because their subscription was a part of the one hundred dollars in money found daily in undeliverable letters opened in the U. S. dead letter office. Do not enclose money and do make the address decipherable—to mutual advantage and benefit.
- ¶ It was an Indian Sunday school teacher who said, "There is lots of big talk about going straight way by people who make crooked walk." And he added what is true for any race, "Our walk and talk must be twins going 'long same trail."
- ¶ If you wish to have some remarkable facts of world evangelism in the work of our Foreign Mission Societies, send for the leaflet entitled "Facts of World Evangelism," published for free distribution. These facts ought to be presented at midweek meeting in every church, followed by facts from the home fields. Our missionary committees (and possibly some pastors) have not begun to appreciate the revival effects of introducing such stirring news of spiritual fruitage into our meetings. The items best come, too, as a rule from the floor. Twelve thousand converts baptized on our foreign fields—that must quicken the pulse of faith and prayer and desire. Try it. Inject not long articles, simple items rather, but something every week with the living witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ in it. MISSIONS provides plenty of this material.
- ¶ Talking of a matter of fact man, Douglas Jerrold says, "Talk to him of Jacob's ladder, and he would ask the number of the steps." Most of us have met him.
- ¶ Strange enough it seems to read the accounts of the marriage of the seventeen-year-old deposed emperor of China. China is a republic and in financial difficulties, yet the pageantry and show of the old royalty have been maintained, fifty thousand presents were received, and the young people are kept in a style regardless of expense. It is true that Hsuan Tung has been and is a practical prisoner in the ancient palace of the Forbidden City, but he receives a yearly allowance from the republic, with the right to maintain a royal establishment in keeping with the glory of the former Emperors. China's famines do not affect him. Whether he will affect China's future remains to be seen.
- ¶ A sage remark and worth committing to memory, whoever first made it: "A living man wears his shoes much longer if he sometimes puts on his slippers."
- ¶ We are indebted to Mr. Wilcox for an account of the remarkable world temperance gathering at Toronto. Our readers will be glad to learn something of a movement that has already made progress far beyond what is commonly known. The secular press does not take a very deep interest in the effort to drive drink out of the nations. Toronto means a strengthening of the sentiment that in this country the prohibition laws must be enforced. President Harding has put himself behind this enforcement, and declared that in his judgment the eighteenth amendment has come to stay and the American people will never re-

- turn to the old order. But all the resolute force of the temperance people will be needed if the laws are to be enforced and the open enemies of prohibition be repulsed.
- ¶ Speaking of the joy of the Lord, Dr. Jowett says, "We get no deeper into Christ than we allow Him to get into us." And it is only through deep communion with Him that we can know His joy.
- \P It is the Christian's duty and privilege to put the sun into Sunday and see that its shine radiates into every week-day as well.
- ¶ In reading reports and statistics of benevolence, and especially in estimating what our more than 8,000 churches should do, it is well to recall the conditions in many of the states. It is frequently stated that those churches which number less than 100 members labor under problems of organization and self-support which the larger churches do not have to meet. A membership under 50 means still greater difficulties. Looking over the annual report of one of the State Conventions recently, the fact was noted that of 415 churches only 155 reported 100 members and over, while 41 of the total required aid—a small number proportionately, showing consecrated work on the part of many small churches. In estimating expectancies these circumstances should be taken into account, and in counting receipts the conditions as well as the dollars must have credit. They will get it in heaven's ledger, at any rate.
- ¶ So long as people can borrow umbrellas, they put off laying by for a rainy day. Can you pack more philosophy in a sentence than that saying by an English writer in a book of impressions about America? Put time in place of umbrellas and eternity in place of rainy day, and think it over.
- ¶ We are reminded that National Thrift Week (January 17-23) will soon be here again. This has already become much of an institution, due to the way in which all sorts of organizations have responded to the initiative of the Y. M. C. A. and joined it in pressing the ten-point Economic Creed on the attention of the American people. Over forty civic, commercial, educational and religious national organizations are now united in this most praiseworthy effort to make thrift a national virtue. Thrift is a first cousin to Stewardship, and our Stewardship Commission could not do better than to join with those who are seeking to make Thrift Week a feature and factor in our national life. Thrift in the church membership would mean larger resources for missions and church enterprises. And in one of the ten points-Share with Others-the altruistic teaching of Jesus finds its emphasis. Why not have Benjamin Franklin Thrift Clubs to add life and objective to our young people's societies, brotherhoods, and other organizations, not forgetting the W. W. G. and C. W. C. We heartily commend the movement, which has accomplished great good and is growing each year.
- ¶ A recent writer says that the popular frame of mind is something like this: "We do not know what to do, so let us all do it together." This he calls the cult of the simultaneous, which is expected to solve all difficulties by some great burst of enthusiasm. "We all go together with one voice and no mind to speak of, and if we can agree on doing something, doing it at once and smiling while we do it, somehow we are keeping up our morale and all else will be added to us." Did you ever hear of such a cult, or of anyone who belonged to it?
- ¶ A reviewer of "Wonders of Missions" in *The Christian Work* speaks of the author, Caroline Atwater Mason, as "Miss" Mason. The review is capital, and Mrs. Mason will doubtless forgive the "miss" in the name in view of the fact that there was no miss in rightly evaluating the book, which we commend again to our readers as more fascinating than fiction.
- ¶ The Northern Presbyterian New Era budget for the year is \$14,500,000, or \$2,000,000 larger than the year preceding. The General Assembly at Des Moines instructed its Home Mission Board to proceed to raise its entire indebtedness of \$461,850 this fiscal year.

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Reminiscences of an Ex-Secretary

THE SIZE OF THE TASK



AVING retired to my chimney corner after a busy, active life, a part of which has been spent as a secretary of a National Missionary Society, I have been asked to put down on paper some of the reflections and experiences of these recent years which have

seen so much of turmoil and of glory both within and without our denominational life. This I am glad to do, not only for the edification of other secretaries who may follow in my wake, but also in the hope that my readers, who are largely good, loyal members of Baptist churches, may realize more fully than they do at present the heavy burdens that are placed upon the national secretaries, and also the scope, the volume and the importance of the work which is done through our Societies.

As I look back over the period of my service, I realize that much of the time was spent in learning the size of my task. First there was the point of time, which I soon realized was all inclusive—every hour of the day, every day in the week including Sundays, every week in the year including the ephemeral month which was dignified with the name of vacation. A national secretary soon sees vanishing from sight and passing beyond grasplectures, concerts, books, social obligations, friendly visits with loved ones and regular church attendance. Yea, even the "quiet hour" is lost for the sake of the early train and the much needed soul-enrichment is postponed many a weary hour and sometimes days, before there is time to feed on the things of the Spirit. Yes, as I look back over the years, I know from personal experience that my task had no limits as to time. If the days had been twice as long, the weeks three times as numerous, and if nature had not demanded her toll of sleep, there would still have been no margin of time.

Then there was the extent of the work to be covered, which was literally as wide as the universe. There were six different countries of the world to be known intimately—the political, social, economic, religious state of each, changing, some of them, over night, especially during the period of the world war; the character of the government of each, the educational demands, and the official attitude toward the Christian message. In these six countries there were at least 130 districts, cities or towns, which formed the centers of our work, where missionaries were living, where there were large investments in buildings and equipment and where schools, hospitals, and churches had been established. No two of these centers were alike. Each one had an individuality of its own to be studied and understood. Add to this diversity in the location of our problems, the fact that at least twenty-eight different languages, races and nationalities were represented and that not less than seven religions held powerful sway over their adherents.

It goes almost without saying that anybody, to be an intelligent, helpful, constructive secretary, feels that every possible waking hour must be used for the purpose of becoming familiar with the conditions which surround the representatives of the Society, wherever they may be.

Perhaps one of the difficult experiences in the life of a secretary, who really wishes to know the task, is to see the hours of each day hurry past and find only an occasional one which can be devoted to quiet reading and study. My experience has been that a secretary acquires the bulk of the information that is absolutely essential to the work in a hit-or-miss style—a brief talk with a missionary, a letter, a magazine article read en route to a conference, an address, etc. Then, sometime during the busy day, this mass of information must be sorted and assigned to the various compartments of the brain to be

ready for use upon demand.

It was not, however, simply a question of acquiring knowledge which might be found in books and magazines, and the necessity of knowing all of the material facts about the various phases of the work. The extent of the task struck a deeper note than this, for there were difficult, far-seeing problems to be settled which often involved thousands of dollars of mission money or the future usefulness and happiness of men and women. These were the things that stayed by; that stalked by the side of the secretary in the walk up Fifth Avenue; that sat close at mealtime, and that whirled and whispered when the lights were out and one was supposed to go to sleep. Given a problem to be worked out to an economical and happy solution, to hurt no one's feelings, to advance Christ's Kingdom on the earth—with the scene laid twelve thousand miles away, dependent upon letters and perhaps a brusque cable—do you wonder that the secretary prayed, at times with every breath, that the right course might be adopted, and that in all things the Society might go the second mile, that not one of God's little ones should suffer harm.

Yet with such conditions, and with the necessity for the constant expenditure of money and of life, we hear many a good brother or sister criticize the secretaries because occasionally they are sent on a hurried, difficult, nerve-racking journey across the ocean, to give personal attention to the work of the Society and to acquire information, impossible for the Board to secure except through an eye witness. If only this method could have been followed more frequently in the past the expense involved could have been saved many times over in

time and money.

The task of a secretary also includes a knowledge and a love of arithmetic, for there are budgets to be made up annually, and lists of urgent needs to be interpreted in dollars and cents. One must have a financial imagination that works with unerring accuracy, looking into the future to foretell the value of the rupee, the yen and the peso, and to prophesy their buying power eighteen months in advance. It is surely a game, equal to any on the stock market, to plan out the expenditures of a family of three to four hundred people, the cost of maintaining 1,400 schools, 20 hospitals, with 50,000 students and 2,000 assistants; these expenditures to be made in six different foreign currencies, none of which is stable; all of these estimates to be made two years before the last dollar will be spent-and to come out at the end with all accounts squared and no deficit. Surely a close shave!

Yet, in the face of these financial problems and uncertainties, many a Baptist, during the period of my intimate contact with the work, has wondered loud and long as to why our Societies needed to run into debt. As secretary I have often asked the question of myself—"Do our Baptist people never think, do they never read the financial reports in the daily papers, are they unaware that the high cost of living in America is reflected in every country of the world?" What a joy and what a relief it would be, if our people would, for just one year, say to the secretaries, "We do understand, we do appreciate the financial difficulties of doing business in so many different countries, the possibilities of loss of exchange," etc. Verily, I think such an attitude would add ten years of service to the life of any one of our secretaries—but perhaps this would not be desirable.

Then there are those long lists of urgent needs, surveys of each one of our mission fields, and long, long rows of figures. It would be interesting to see now, as I sit in my chimney corner, a procession of those lists pass by, and all of the dignified letters addressed to various finance committees setting forth the urgency of these claims. They would not be as many as the chariots and horses of King Solomon, but surely they would make a

brave showing.

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As I think today of all of those documents into which there went so much time and energy and prayer, they are not lost even though some of them apparently bore no fruit. They are not even entirely forgotten. They served their day and generation, and so have made their own contribution to that glorious culmination that the

future holds in store for all our present labors.

Does the reader feel that now surely the secretary has learned the size of the task? Be not hasty in thy thought, O friend! for the task includes more than has been already mentioned. For a hundred years it has been the tradition of the Rooms, that the secretary always has time to see the visitor, that never should a missionary be turned away without a full and sympathetic hearing of all that was on his or her heart of personal or mission purport. So truly has this principle been believed in and lived up to, that the secretary, except on rare occasions, has met the daily problems, dictated the heavy correspondence, carried on all the work of the office with open door, accessible at all times to whoever might call on trivial or important matters. Few stop to think what this means to a secretary, in the expenditure of energy, in the strain upon nerves and mental efficiency. Yet not for one moment would I imply that the time was grudgingly given, for one of the most valuable assets of the secretary are those precious, heart-to-heart talks with the missionaries and other world travelers who have touched in actual contact the vital problems of the day. The only regret now is that these interviews were many

times hurried, and the sympathy and help, which should have been poured out in abundance, inadequately expressed. To anyone who came to my door, who sat in my armchair, who left that room with heart unburdened and with any feeling that the secretary failed to give what was silently or vocally asked for, I wish to express my lasting and sincere regret. In full realization of the size of my task, I have no excuse to make.

These, all, might be termed the legitimate develop-ments of the task. There were, however, the extraneous matters that could not be avoided—those things that a secretary, because of knowledge and position, is supposed to do automatically, naturally, and as a matter of course. I refer to committees, conferences, speech-making and the preparation of literature and articles for publication. All of these were in themselves interesting and important, but they were, without any doubt, time absorbers, and it was often a question how much of a contribution they made to the main task before the secretary. Yet they could not be avoided. Many a long journey was taken to tell to some group of Baptists the wonders of God's Kingdom, as it was being unfolded under the hand of some missionary. Many a delightful hour was spent in this way and many warm friendships begun. It was only occasionally that the secretary traveled far to find that, in one brief hour, the program called for two reports, a pageant and two addresses by secretaries. With all these outside demands, it is with a sense of thankfulness that this particular secretary now recalls only one word of criticism for "aloofness" when a caller came, unannounced, and was asked to give the message to the

secretary's assistant. Now, as I look back over those busy, crowded days, I marvel that with such constant demands, so much constructive work could be accomplished and such a mass of correspondence be kept in any semblance of order. It is a wise secretary who can walk this path with sanity and safety, keeping always to the main issues and putting aside, sometimes with firmness, such of the extraneous matter as could not be cared for with justice and requisite thoroughness. This is possible, however, with a Board of consecrated men or women who understand and sympathize with the problems of the secretary. It is also possible because the secretary's ear is always kept to the ground and faithfully reports the wonderful events transpiring around the world. God's power is always so apparent; His ability to do, whatever the human limitations may be, such a constant source of uplift and of strength, that in the heart of the secretary eternal hope dwells and a faith that overcomes all obstacles, supplying for each day the courage needed for the task which otherwise it would be impossible for frail human

nature to undertake.

Which endeth the first chapter.



A Missionary Field Day

A SPRIGHTLY REPORT OF A MEMORABLE AND MODEL DAY



"FIELD DAY" is not necessarily a matter of athletics. See dictionary! The sole essential, excitement, was fully supplied in our Missionary Field Day in Philadelphia, for there were thrills from ten in the morning until ten at night. Missionaries

and ministers, music and messages, costume and converse, courtesy and consecration, information and inspiration, uplift and unsatisfied desire—what more of variety could be packed into one day? Did not our hearts burn within us as we sensed the world of home and foreign need, realized our own shortcomings, and prayed for faith to make the never-to-be-forgotten impression of Thursday, November 9th, result in better days of better deeds.

"Who planned it all?" was the question asked by many. "Go back to Indianapolis," was the reply, "and remember that Mrs. Skerrett heard Dr. Taylor of China say, 'Eight years in China and eight minutes to tell about it here.' So Mrs. Skerrett, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Carter Helm Jones, and a host of willing women workers besides have had the vision, the initiative and the energy needed to bring a bit of the world and its missionacy story to Philadelphia on this gala day."

One of the novel features was the use of the rooms adjoining the auditorium for booths representing the different countries in which our Baptist work is carried on. With backgrounds of artistic scenery sent on from Des Moines, costumes for missionaries, students and children, curios of great value and interest, and delightful explanation of customs and life, the visitors could not fail to feel intelligent sympathy with the people of Burma, Assam, South India, Bengal-Orissa, Japan, South China, West China, East China, Belgian Congo, Porto Rico, the Philippines, Alaska, and some other portions of our country. Going from booth to booth, seeing the characteristic occupations, chatting (if you had a chance) with the mission worker in charge, gave the sensation of a world tour in an hour or two.

It was intended to carry out the morning program informally in or near these booths like a Cook's Tour Travel Brigade. But the publicity had been too well done. A large audience had gathered long before the hour set. Platform and auditorium were necessary. And to that platform was led a remarkable group of missionaries on furlough in this country. Mrs. John Dussman of South India, Miss Elizabeth Vickland of Assam, Dr. Haring with wife and little daughter of Japan, Dr. Lynch of Africa, Dr. Joseph Taylor of China, Mrs. Alice Nelson Ransier of Alaska, Dr. Darrow and Mrs. Cope of Burma, Rev. A. E. Bigelow of the Philippines, Miss Edith Ballard of India, Dr. Clara Leach of China, Miss Albertine Bischoff of Porto Rico, Mrs. Webster of the Southern Board, and Miss Mildred Kaminski, had stories to tell of nations, needs and newly won believers in Jesus Christ.

Adjournment at noon gave time for many to pass into the Sunday school rooms for a glimpse of booths and exhibits, and it was soon evident that not a few preferred missions to meals. Indeed it seemed a pity that a second day could not be granted for a more careful study of the unique collections. The afternoon program was opened by Dr. A. C. Darrow of Burma, whose prayer, reading and exposition brought a warmly spiritual atmosphere to all present. Mrs. Ransier followed with tales of American Indians among whom she worked for several years. From this country to faraway South India was the journey of only a moment for introduction and Mrs. J. M. Baker placed all present in the Telugu field, the scene of present-day success among the Sudra caste, of frightful medical need shown in the touching story of Subamma, and of growing hope of the speedy victory of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.

A generous offering was collected by young girls in foreign costume and then Miss Alice Brimson in a striking radio figure of speech spoke of her specialty, Christian Americanization work in the homes of the foreignborn in the United States. Mrs. Montgomery concluded the session with a message that endeared her again to the hearts of all, and made every woman present eager to be a missionary worker wherever she might be placed.

All who could make a tour of the booths were introduced to the missionaries, and rejoiced audibly in the happy mingling of home and foreign mission interest in this field day demonstration.

"Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come."

So rang out the music of the processional of the evening session in the large auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia where 1,400 people were crowded. Expectancy was rewarded when "Old Glory" and the Christian flag were ushered in by seniors of the Baptist Institute in caps and gowns, accompanied by Mrs. Montgomery, followed in turn by missionaries of home and foreign fields, many in beautiful or strange foreign costumes, World Wide Guild girls with appropriate badges and colors, Indian maidens in beads and khaki, Japanese children and Chinese lassies—a thrilling panorama proving the variety of circumstance in which our Christian message is being given. Down a side aisle, up the center, each group led its missionary representative to the platform, and then took reserved seats in the front. What a charming multi-colored flower bed! Beauty and peace and faith personified.

"For not with swords loud clashing Or roll of stirring drums, With deeds of love and mercy, The Heavenly Kingdom comes."

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In the hush that followed, Mrs. Skerrett, who, as President of the Atlantic District, presided at all sessions, introduced Miss Elizabeth Vickland of Assam, for the devotional service, preceding a stirring presentation of Frontier Life by Coe Hayne, author and home missionary leader. Then came the masterly address of Dr. Joseph Taylor of West China, who emphasized the intellectual light and darkness of his field, the spiritual famine, the crying need of education. "Ignorance costs more than education," he said, "remember that. The women are seeking a million dollars for the Union Colleges for girls of the Orient. They ought to have it all

tomorrow. Give China your money, your prayers, your lives, and do it now."

Dr. Carter Helm Jones introduced both Dr. Taylor, and the last speaker, Dr. Montgomery, better known as Helen Barrett Montgomery, author, executive, leader and friend to the entire Baptist denomination. Her message started with the pioneer life suggested by the address of Coe Hayne and the contrasts of our life today with that of our grandparents. It was a great address, calculated to stir each individual Christian to

greater activity and spiritual consecration. Reproduction is impossible.

An appropriate hymn, "O Zion haste, Thy message high fulfilling," a prayer of consecration, and the throng departed, many with tears in their eyes and deep yearning in their hearts.

What doth hinder you from having a missionary field day in your District? Can you estimate the possible return on such an investment? Ask Philadelphia.

G. G. F.

In the Foothills of the Eastern Himalayas

FIRST OF A SERIES OF MISSIONARY TRAVELOGS FOR 1923

BY DRYDEN L. PHELPS OF WEST CHINA



OLERIDGE and Wordsworth could not have anticipated with keener delight their excursion into the lake country than my two Chinese companions and I did our expedition into the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas. With our carrier we

started one noon. This carrier trotted along the miles with a limber stick over his shoulder, the bedding swinging from ropes on one end, the bamboo box on the other. The strength and agility of these fellows are inconceivable. They go at a pace faster than one walks with no burden and their reward is a few cash at the day's end, some watery rice and limpid tea. The journey up mountain steps and steep trails with their loads makes them breathe hardly faster than ordinarily.

Chinese roads! We don't know what a bad road is in America. In the dry season these roads are a sheath of snake-like ruts, through which the toiling, squeaking wheelbarrows churn and twist from the mountains to Chengtu. The loads they carry to the capital: pig hair to be made into brushes, charcoal in bamboo baskets, huge rolls of tobacco bound with bamboo staves, herbs sweet and bitter and twisted roots for the Chinese Materia Medica, swaying loads of straw sandals, kegs of vegetable oil, bamboo fibre pounded soft to make shoes, furs from the hills and rough home woven clothes. Continually I try to understand, to "feel" the age of China—that these whining, groating loads have been straggling into the capital of Szechuan—how long? A thousand years before the Spanish Inquisition!

I had expected to walk all the way on this trip but how fatigue and blister humbleth pride! So with the two boys I hired wheelbarrows. They are not such bad conveyances. One sits in sort of a wooden chair with a small bundle of straw in the seat. And think of being wheeled 25 li—that's about eight miles—for 150 cash, which is three American cents! Now you know what cheap labor is—a human being willing to wheel another eight miles for three cents along an unspeakably toilsome rough road on a blistering day. That is China for you. But ah, things are changing, changing. We can fairly see them change with our own eyes. Another ten years and this Chinese labor will begin to be self-conscious. It is now but a dull, existing, rice-devouring lump.

"There are the mountains," one of my companions shouted. I looked through the green trees at a blue wall.

They rose around the Chengtu plain like the walls God, not man, builds. Mountains are spiritual when one sees them rising in filmy blue into the heavens. They stir one inwardly, emotionally. It is so hard for us to realize that religion is joyousness, spontaneity, an exulting receptivity of the beauty and splendor of the world, our world, God's universe.

We arrived in Kwan Hsien after walking 120 li, or forty miles. Kwan Hsien is a trading city for the mountaineers and the plains people. Here the products of the lowlands are exchanged for the products of the highlands, Tibetans, Chinese and tribesmen mingle in the streets. We went first to the China Inland Mission. These mission compound gardens enclosed from the clamor and filth of the streets are like bits of heaven in a soiled and weary world.

We crossed the bridge of a leaping, hurtling, artificial river directed by the industry of these beaver Chinese from the snows of the mountains to their paddy fields far below in the plain. You know that the irrigation system of the Chengtu plain which finds its source at Kwan Hsien is one of the real wonders of the world. It has been in operation for centuries and is the source of countless myths and legends and wise sayings: "Keep your dikes low but dig the channels deep." If North China had followed this wise advice they would not have suffered the countless disastrous famines and floods. "Take care of the river or we shall all be poor fish," is the Chinese inscription beside a map of the system at the Er Wang Temple.

In the late afternoon we visited a temple perched on a great rock, at the foot of which the river dashes in fury. Because of the depth and speed of the water, the bottom has never been found even at low water. On the rock is cut a vertical column of figures. In low water or in high water this table is anxiously watched, for an inch too far one way or the other in the height of the water means death to thousands on the plain. When the river is annually opened in the spring, the water superintendent worships the god of the river on the bank, then twenty-five daring coolies, paid highly for the dangerous job, cut loose the stakes in the river bottom and the water rushes into the annually cleaned channel. The coolies run for their lives but often some of them are drowned. If it happens that there is little water any year, the irate farmers of the plain come to the water official's residence and beat

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down his door with their hoes and demand why he has given them so little water for their crops. Then he goes again to the river bank and with tapers and prayers beseeches the god of the river to send more water.

The next morning we continued our journey to a Taoist temple in the mountains, fifty li away. The sky was as clear as sapphire and there were the mountains, white with snow! The nearer mountains, all a soft blue, opened in a great divide to frame the picture of the towering, gigantic mountains behind, snow-crowned, cut against a sky as blue as lapiz lazuli. We skirted the foot of the mountains to the south before finally turning straight into the canyon and up, up over winding paths between mountainside farms, clinging for life to sheer canyon walls, up moss-grown stone steps, whence the plain far, far below appeared like the waves of a green ocean. Streams from the snows bounded and leaped down the rocks, under bridges arching at every turn of the trail. And always there were little shrines with wooden images of the worshipful man and wife of the district who control the evil spirits, shrines like fancy hen houses or carved dog kennels.

Con the edge of a straggling, one-street market town we looked curiously into a low squalid shop where above a table on crooked shelves stood a dusty row of small wooden idols—some evil spirits with arms raised in frenzy, some with placid features oblivious of earthly struggle, some riding on wild beasts. My companions informed me that this was a witch-craft shop. There is at least one for each district. If one has an ailment he comes here, the witchman scrawls strange figures on a piece of red or yellow paper, burns it and places the ashes in a cup of water which the patient drinks. Once a year these dirty images are dusted off, receiving special worship at that time.

At last, at the head of a cool ferny canyon at the top of endless mossy stone steps, we arrived at the Tien Sz Dong Temple. Its courts and flowered patios, its curving tiled roofs, its black and red lacquered-columned ageless shrines with passionate or placid gods, its stone engraven memorials of Chinese glory of the past—all this, like a secluded, esoteric world of its own, dwells at the foot of a towering cliff. Oh, the quietness, the peace "unspotted from the world" of this temple, with the squares of sunshine adding brilliance to the flowers and vines about the flagstones.

The next day I studied with my companions under the giant tree which shades the temple with its sacred branches. It is the Ginkgo tree, the largest of any kind I have seen in China and was probably a good sized tree when Jesus was preaching in Palestine. Lacquered four-character memorials are hung about it. They are prayers for sons or words of gratitude. Walls, chairs, doorposts and halls are covered with engraved characters or hung with scrolls of old Chinese poetry, maxims, stories, legends, epigrams. These Chinese are a wonderful race. In the morning the chief priest, a genial fellow, full of the lore of the mountains, took us for a walk. With us were other Chinese student pilgrims. We halted for rest before the carved gateway of a mountain temple and sat down on a sward of moss as rich and deep and smooth as green velvet, under great trees. In the quietness we could hear the noise of the farmers way down the canyon. It intensified the distance and peace. I wish Corot and George Inness could have visited West China; their pictures would have been even greater.

The head priest sat at our table for supper. He asked me to send him a Christian Bible in Chinese. I shall. As darkness fell the huge temple bell weighing tons was sounded rhythmically between the falsetto chanting of the Taoist Gospel. Other bells and gongs then sounded from the different temple courts and shrines; candles were lit; incense curled upward. The glorious stars shone down through the trees. I communed, but not with the temple gods. This quiet day and a half did me immense good. They made me see into Oriental religion. Before we retired a delightful old priest, looking like pictures of Confucius, with long gray pointed beard, came in to visit with us. He is over seventy with a keen interest in life for all his years. He said that there is some good in all religions. This flaccid latitudinarianism is one reaction to Christianity, an attempt to resuscitate defunct oriental theologies. And so, seeing ultimate defeat for their own doctrines without some sort of amalgamation, they are endeavoring to erect a quasi ethico-philosophical eclecticism which is to include Jesus Christ—a bait, as it were, thrown to the irrepressible power of the occidental religion. But a religious patchword quilt never kept anybody warm— even in a hot climate!

In the undisturbed beauty of the morning we went back toward Gwan Hsien. The farms have their own small shrines before which incense is lighted at the beginning of each day's work. That is a beautiful thing to do. It is better to burn a bit of incense before your God than to neglect him entirely at the beginning of the day as some Christians do. Family worship, the Christians' morning incense, is being forgotten by thousands of church members today everywhere.

In the gate of the city wall we passed a vender of remedies—eagles' heads, crows' talons, snakeskins, chips of crockery—all these to be ground up and used as medicaments. These sights give one a sensational jab of heathenism. As we walked over the wooden bridge in the city, I looked down on the planks and saw red drops of fresh blood. My companions said, "Eleven robbers have just been beheaded and their bodies have been carried on before us." Oh the half-articulate tragedy of this land! Sometimes the family of the convicted will bribe the swordsman-executioner so that he does not quite allow his knife to sever all the head from the body but lets remain a shred of skin. This saves the "face" of the criminal's family and "technically" the man is not beheaded.

That evening I had a splendid talk with the boys about China and religion—that for which I came on the trip. Thank God for this opportunity! The next morning we walked up a canyon and mountain above the city to some dilapidated temples and to a saddle-back. There we had a view which thrilled us. Over ten ranges of blue and purple mountains we saw a snow peak, 960 li away, lying on the borders of Tibet. This is the mysterious mountain, so inaccessible that no one even knows its height nor exact situation. It has not been measured. It may be higher than Everest. Explorers seeking it lose it among the other mountains as they approach, the passes and ravines and chasms and precipices are so tortuous!

After dinner we started home, reaching a small town after dark. There we slept peacefully on the cement floor of the American Methodist chapel. The next day we arrived in Chengtu. Thus endeth my first excursion in China.

"Following the Pioneers"

AN EDITORIAL REVIEW OF DR. JOSEPH C. ROBBINS' NEW BOOK ON INDIA

7RITING on shipboard on the way home from India, at the urgent request of the Missionary Education Department, in order that the study classes on India might have an adequate account of our Baptist work in that land of fascination, Dr. Robbins says: "My one hope in writing this book is that the Indian Empire and mission work in India and Burma may have its full and rightful share of our intelligent interest, practical help and daily prayer, so that India, once described by Lord Beaconsfield as 'the brightest jewel in the British crown,' may, in the coming years, unite with all the world in acclaiming Jesus Christ as the King of kings and in crowning Him Lord of all." Dedicating the work "To the Missionaries of the Indian Empire, in faith, courage and devotion worthy successors of Carey and Judson," he says in the preface: "The missionary body represents all that is most worthy and most noble and most Christian in our civilization. I doubt if there is another group of people in the whole world more devoted, more unselfish, more earnest under great overburdening tasks than the missionaries of the church of the living God."

The author leaves us in no doubt that he believes his opening sentence, "India is the most interesting country in the world." Indeed, the title of the first chapter is "Interesting India." There are plenty of facts to justify him, while allowing room for individual preferences. To American Baptists assuredly India as a mission field is filled not only with thrilling history but with a present and prospective progress that makes it of great moment. Dr. Robbins has described India in general, and then given a condensed but sufficiently informing story of our work among the peoples of Burma, South India, Bengal-Orissa and Assam. We glean some of the facts, to indicate to study classes the value of possessing the entire work.

The subcontinent empire of India, including Burma, with its population of 319,000,000, one fifth of the inhabitants of the world, is undergoing stupendous changes. It is a new India. Everywhere there is evidence of an intense nationalism. Practically every stage of racial development and civilization, from the rude naked savage and head-hunting wild hill-tribes to the most advanced culture, is here represented. From the sunbaked plains of South India to the snow-capped Himalayas India has every variety of climate and fauna. In India 147 languages are spoken, 23 of them by a million or more people; 45,000,000 speak Bengali, and 60,000,000 Hindustani. These Provinces, mighty nations in themselves, are as different from one another as Japan and China. In addition to the Provinces directly under British rule there are 700 feudatory states ruled over by native princes.

India is a land of striking contrasts, from the poor mud huts of the millions of outcastes in South India to the Taj Mahal, acclaimed the most beautiful building in the world. Modern industry is entering India, and there are great factories in Madras, Calcutta and Bombay. Labor is learning its power and there have been 200 labor strikes in a single year.

One of the features of the new India is the part played by women. Organizations of women are springing up all over the country. Woman suffrage is most seriously discussed, and the franchise to women has been extended by the Assemblies of Bombay and Madras. The women of India supplied the vast supplementary needs of the army sent to Mesopotamia in 1914. From that moment the women of India came into their own. There will be no sex disqualification in the new constitution which Burma will receive this new year.

There is intellectual unrest. India has felt the heartthrob of the great nationalistic movements of the earth. British administration of India is one of the marvels of modern government. The British Empire has given India unbroken peace, efficient administration, good roads, railroads, the telegraph, telephone, postoffice, hospitals and dispensaries, a school system leading through the lower schools up to the university, and justice with courts of law based on our Western legal system. The new representative government that is to lead India onward toward complete self-government as an equal partner in the British Commonwealth of Nations was inaugurated on February 9, 1921, at Delhi, the capital of the Empire. Indian ministers have charge of important portfolios, and Indians have occupied high places of honor. Yet India is in a political ferment, the agitators being led by Mohandas K. Gandhi, a remarkable character. (Since the book was written the ferment has greatly subsided, and Gandhi is in prison, serving a sentence which he declares just. He preached non-violent non-cooperation but could not control his followers, who committed crimes of violence. By a strong but tolerant hand the government gained control and at present the situation is peaceful, at least on the surface.—Ed.).

There is a great temperance and prohibition movement in India. The creeds of the three great non-Christian religions of India are against the liquor traffic. Our prohibition movement has greatly interested the people of India. (Our missionaries have found it difficult to explain the relation of Christian lands to the liquor question, as well they might.)

Religion holds a central and preeminent place in India. There are shrines, temples, mosques, pagodas and Buddhist monasteries in all parts of this wonderful land. It is the home of the three great militant religions of the world -Buddhism, Mohammedanism and Hinduism. Both Indian and Burman society are based on religious principles and dominated by religious ideals, ritual and motive. Many of the social problems can be traced to religious causes and conditions. The immense hold of Hinduism lies in its social system, seen most clearly in caste, with its four main castes and 2,378 sub-castes. All have their lines so rigidly drawn that a man cannot pass from one social grade to another. The outstanding fact of the last census is that the proportion of the vast Hindu population to the total of 319,000,000 continues to decline as it has done for forty years past.

To Baptists this is a problem of peculiar interest, for two Baptist missionaries, Carey and Judson, inaugurated the modern missionary movement in India. Carey ar-

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rived in Calcutta in 1793, Judson landed at Rangoon, Burma, in 1813. Dr. Robbins shows how our work has grown from the feeble beginnings to the present five Burmese Associations organized into the Burmese Baptist Conference which has an independent work of its own and supports evangelistic and school work, uniting with the Karens in the Burma Baptist Convention, which had 2,300 registered delegates at its meeting in 1921, and is one of the outstanding Baptist gatherings of the world.

The work among the Karens is considered with similar detail. This is counted one of the preeminent miracles of modern missions. There are 918 Karen Baptist churches with 56,714 members. According to the 1921 census 134,924 out of the total of 178,225 Karen Christians call themselves Baptists. There are between 1,500,000 and 2,000,000 Karens in Burma and about the same number in Siam. Their history will be found most interesting as Dr. Robbins gives it, quoting from Rev. E. N. Harris' book "A Star in the East," which should be much more widely read. In our Karen work in 1922 we had 13 mission stations, 3,289 baptisms, contributions of Rs. 411,175 (\$137,025), 1,055 teachers in day schools, 15 schools, 1 college, 1 Theological Seminary, 1 Woman's Bible School. There are 15 Associations, and two Conferences which are united in the Burma Baptist Convention. Nearly every Christian village has its own day school, and the Karen Home Mission Societies are constantly opening new general schools in non-Christian villages. Dr. Robbins says the Sgaw Karen Mission in Bassein is probably the best organized and most successful mission of any denomination anywhere in the world. Read his account of it and judge. Then we have the story of the Shans and Kachins, Chins, Talaings, and others, with the latest work among the Lahus and Was, described in a recent issue of Missions.

The South India Mission forms a not less conclusive proof of the transforming power of the gospel. There we have shown what can be made of the outcaste Madigas, lowest of the low in the Indian scale, treated by the Hindus as beyond the pale of decent humanity. Christianity beginning at the bottom of Hindu society, having lifted the outcaste into a new manhood in Christ Jesus and given him a new social and religious status in the land, is now rapidly permeating the great middle classes, the Sudras. We have been helping to decrease India's fearful illiteracy (less than 10 per cent of the men and 1 per cent of the women can read and write). We have 936 institutions in which 25,625 boys and girls, young men and women are receiving an education in which the Bible holds an important place. Vocational and industrial training has also been introduced. At Nellore the government has reserved for students of our agricultural courses land which has lain waste but is capable of cultivation. Each student will be assigned five acres on completion of his course provided he wishes to become a farmer. This means everything in a country where labor has been regarded as degrading. The Woman's Society is cooperating with seven American and six British Societies in the Woman's Christian College of Madras. Our most important institution in the Telugu Mission is the Theological Seminary at Ramapatnam, with 56 students for the ministry. Our hospital work has its principal centers

in Ongole and Nellore. We have 7 hospitals and 11 dispensaries in which 140,000 patients were treated last year. Then at Kavali there is Rev. S. D. Bawden's unique work among criminals, which has found great favor with the government and all who know of it.

The evangelistic movement started four years ago has issued in a number of campaigns and had tremendous influence on both the Christian and non-Christian community. In two years past 6,851 converts have been baptized. "The comprehensive scope of the work of the Telugu Mission, its solid character, and the influence of the institutions organized, together with the growing independence and initiative of the churches and the Telugu Baptist Convention, make us most hopeful of the future of this work. The kingdom of God is advancing in the Lone Star Mission."

Passing to Bengal-Orissa, we are told that Bengal is the most difficult field in India, which itself is the most difficult field in the world. The Verdun of Hinduism—Bengal has been called that. We are going to ask permission to publish later this story of the Mission founded by the Free Baptists in 1836, and maintained by them until the union of missionary enterprises with Northern Baptists. This field has features of special interest as well as difficulty, and difficulty is itself interesting.

The closing chapter is occupied with Assam, whose future is bright with hope. To the traveler a land full of charm, beauty and danger, to the church a challenge to bring to waiting millions the knowledge of Jesus Christ. A Province as large as New England, with 7,100,000 population, and Christian work largely in the hands of American Baptists. We occupy the field from one end of the Province to the other and have mission stations both in the valley and the hills, with many gaps however that must be closed. Our work is conducted mainly in 8 languages, but altogether we work in 15 of the 67 languages and dialects. Providence opened the way to the Garos, whose story is full of romance and has been told by Wm. Carey and others in "The Garo Jungle Book." In Assam, too, at Gauhati, Dr. and Mrs. Witter have been doing a work with students unlike any other we are acquainted with, and now Mr. and Mrs. Fielder have succeeded to the task of interpreting Jesus Christ to college men. The school plans of Assam are ambitious and rightly so. All our work there has a program of progress, only dependent on the resources which our home churches furnish for the work.

Dr. Robbins' conclusion is full of hope. Today the doors are wide open. The Christian faith numbers its temples and great companies of worshipers in all the lands of the Orient. "Our task is fundamentally spiritual. The gospel of Jesus Christ is all-sufficient for the individual, the nation, and the race. It need not be changed, and it cannot be given up without darkening the hope of the world. Our hope is in the Lord God who is not far from any one of us, who but waits to fill the hearts of all people with His spirit, that the whole world may be filled with His glory." An inspiring and helpful book, published by the Judson Press, with illustrations and map; price \$1.50. It should be the textbook for a supplementary study class on India; and it should be in mission libraries and the homes as well.

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For the Stimulation of the Spiritual Life

A Christ Illuminated Life

Picking up a volume of selections from the sermons of I hillips Brooks, and reading again that tender delineation of his friend's character by Dean Farrar, I was led to reflect upon the marvelous influence which a single individual can exert when he is so filled with love for his Lord and Master and with that Master's spirit that he is able in his personality to bring that loving Christ to men persuasively and effectively. A young man came to Boston—a preacher with a single message—the interpretation of Jesus Christ to men. A real man and a true preacher, a Great Heart men found him to be; and before many years his personal influence was felt more widely than that of any other man in a circle that included the great names of New England's golden age. Worldwide that influence came to be, and it was a spiritual influence always.

I have been refreshing my spirit by reading once more some of the sermons he preached. Phillips Brooks revealed himself in his sermons, but the sermons always had one center and one purpose—the center Christ, the purpose to discover Him to the men and women in the congregation. It is impossible to read them without enrichment and enlargement of soul, without a new realization of what Christ can be in the life, and how in Him all the best possibilities of one's self can be developed into character. It is one who knows by experience the companionship he wants you also to have that is speaking to you. It is one who has felt the joy of salvation that makes its source clear and winsome to you. Marvelous insight into the things divine and the human heart, and the power through love to bring them together. You cannot be drawn to Phillips Brooks, the disciple, without being drawn to his Master; and in the process you will see what the grace of that Master can make of one who supremely loves Him, and whose passion is to make others see Him and love Him too. I could wish you nothing better than that you should take a volume of Phillips Brooks' sermons for your devotional reading at the beginning of this New Year. Here is a selection which reveals his spiritual penetration and uplifting power:

From "The Pattern in the Mount"

Every man who came to Jesus saw in Him the image of his own true self, the thing that he might be and ought to be. . . And so it has been ever since. All kinds of men have found their ideals in Jesus. Entering into Him, the timid soul has seen a vision of itself all clothed in bravery, and known in an instant that to be brave and not to be cowardly was its proper life. The missionary toiling in the savage island, and thinking his whole life a failure, has gone apart some night into his hut and climbed up into Christ, and seen with perfect sureness, though with most complete amazement, that God counted his life a great success, and so has gone out once more singing to his glorious work. Martyrs on the night before their agony; reformers hesitating at their tasks; scholars wondering whether the long self-denial would be worth their while; fathers and mothers, teachers and preachers whose work had grown monotonous and wearisome, all of these going to Christ have found themselves in Him, have

seen the nobleness and privilege of their hard lives, and have come out from their communion with Him to live their lives as they have seen those lives in Him, glorious with the perpetual sense of the privilege of duty, and worthy of the best and most faithful work which they could give.

This, then, is the great truth of Christ. The treasury of life, your life and mine, the life of every man and every woman, however different they are from one another, they are all in Him. In Him there is the perfectness of every occupation: the perfect trading, the perfect housekeeping, the perfect handicraft, the perfect schoolteaching, they are all in Him. In Him lay the completeness of that incomplete act which you did yesterday. In Him lay the possible holiness of that which you made actual sin. In him lies the absolute purity and loftiness of that worship which we this morning have stained so with impurity and baseness. To go to Him and get the perfect idea of life, and of every action of life, and then to go forth, and by His strength fulfil it, that is the New Testament conception of a strong successful life. How simple and how glorious it is!

Thoughts for the New Year

Whatever changes the year may bring to us, we must ever keep our eyes on the living Christ. He will always be all we need. There will never be an experience through which He cannot safely take us. We are leaving the old year behind, but we are not leaving Christ in the dead year. We need not be afraid therefore to go forward, if we go with Him.—J. R. Miller.

"If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget the fault-finding. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday; start out with a clean sheet for New Year Day, and write upon it, for sweet memory's sake, only those things that are lovely and lovable."

One of the New Year resolutions that would mean increase of happiness in many a family is this: Not to speak of mistakes which make no difference. How arguing over nothings mars the home harmony. An erroneous opinion may need correction, but what possible difference does it make whether Aunt Jane came to dinner Tuesday or Wednesday, or whether it rained Friday or Saturday?

No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, pure and good without the world being the better for it, without somebody being helped and comforted by the very existence of this goodness.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Determine to keep the Lord Jesus Christ before your mind this year as you never have in the past. Talk with Him by the way. Let your life be planned so that it shall center on Him. Try to live so as to make your friends think of Him. If you can say with Paul, "For me to live is Christ," this shall be the most useful, the happiest, and the best of your life thus far.

Three hundred and sixty-five days in which to walk with Jesus, intercede for others, learn the will of God for us, and witness for Christ in our appointed place—that is the New Year outlook to one who sees in each day an opportunity fresh from the Father's hand.

"The World Is Going Dry!"

THE CAUSE OF MISSIONS IS DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THAT OF TEMPERANCE

BY REV. J. FOSTER WILCOX

NLY meagre reports of the International Convention of The World League Against Alcoholism, recently held in Toronto, Canada, appeared in the American press. Such a noteworthy gathering of temperance people from the ends of the earth should not be overlooked, for never before in the history of the world has such a meeting been held. Delegates from sixtythree nations on six continents brought the message of victory, or the hope of victory, from the uttermost parts of the globe. From the unexplored regions of the Himalayas, from the Lap settlements in the north of Scandinavia, from the plains of Andalusia, and the rigorous coast regions of Finland and the Baltic; from the world's centers of gayety and joy, Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Brussels, Buenos Ayres, and New York; from the misty highlands of Scotland, the black belts of the Transvaal—from every place under the sun came the message that "The World is Going Dry." In a great banquet given in honor of the visiting delegates, representatives from the following countries responded:

Lithuania Poland Mexico **United States** England China Scotland Finland Canada Australia Siam Sweden Norway Czechoslovakia Argentina Italy Bulgaria Siberia India Albania Japan Formosa Rumania Spain South Africa Hungary Turkey Switzerland Germany Belgium Ukrainia Syria France Republic of Colombia Liberia Armenia Korea Ireland **Iamaica** Philippines New Foundland Sierra Leone Brazil Denmark Macedonia Porto Rico Jugo-Slavia Peru Russia Georgia Latvia Portugal Dominican Republic Assyria Wales Burma New Zealand British E. Africa Iceland

Through their ranks ran an unmistakable current of almost exultant confidence—such confidence as an army feels on viewing its own numbers, or as steels the arms of weaker contingents at the sight of the powerful allies with whom they are arrayed. Particularly could this be discerned during the roll-call of the nations, to which the different delegates responded by rising in their places to be tumultuously acclaimed by the others. Although the European delegates contented themselves with bowing and smiling, or a quiet wave of the hand, during these demonstrations, the visitors from the United States were decidedly more demonstrative. To the representatives of the countries where the movement is still in its infancy such scenes could not but lend infinite encouragement in their lone stand against the prejudice of centuries.

Here were men prominent in the public, academic,

religious and professional life of their respective countries, and pleasant, cultured women in the quiet dress of refinement and taste—the epitome of all that is good and wholesome. And most significant of all were the youth represented there—the youth of old, enlightened countries and the youth of lands where now the shackles of ignorance and superstition are being shaken off—eager, militant young men, anxious to do their part for a world to be cleansed of all strong drink.

Striking as was the polyglot nature of the assembly, disclosures which revealed prohibition as a world force were little short of amazing, even to the student of reform. He would be a rare advocate of prohibition who had not heard of the Volstead Law and the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but the great gathering heard of students' anti-alcoholism movements in Germany and Switzerland, with an enrolment of 2,500,000; of the near success which met the first effort to secure a prohibition law in Sweden, and of the fact that even in wine-producing France the battle between the "drys" and the "wets" had entered on its initial stages.

The efficiency of German workmen is handicapped by drinking beer. The great labor unions of Germany had begun to think of that before the war. Since the war they have thought of it more. Again the question is under discussion, and to test it out, a referendum has been taken in one industrial district. The Precinct of Bielefeld was selected and prohibition won by an astounding majority, for out of 14,069 qualified voters, 12,625 voted "dry." Votes in other districts are to be taken.

Germany expends annually 3,500,000,000 gold marks on alcoholic drinks. She is inclined to think if she could save this sum in cash and increase the efficiency of her workmen through their increased sobriety and clearness of brain that she could come back industrially and win her place in the world by the tools of peace.

Reports like that given by the German delegation were presented by others, and as a result a glowing optimism prevailed.

Many of the leading figures in the great battle against liquor were present. One can hardly name an outstanding leader in the great reform whose voice was not heard Of course, the United States delegation was the largest and most enthusiastic. The fight in this country will be vigorously prosecuted. The great need here, as suggested by our temperance statesmen, is the education of the masses. We must "bring our education up to our legislation."

We shall give from time to time some of the facts and figures gathered at the World Conference on the Brotherhood pages of Missions.

THIS WORLD MOVEMENT FOR PROHIBITION IS ALL THE MORE SIGNIFICANT AT A TIME WHEN IN THE UNITED STATES EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE BY THE ENEMIES OF THE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT TO DISCREDIT AND DEFEAT IT BY LAWLESSNESS AND CRIME

The Burma Baptist Missionary Conference

BY MARION A. BEEBE

HIRTY-SIXTH Annual Meeting. Time, October 10-14, 1922. Place, Rangoon, Emma Birch Smith Hall of the Baptist European High School. Attendance, 125 Baptist missionaries and visitors. Motto, Stewardship. Program included the topics "Stewardship Made Effective for the Indigenous Church," "Problems of the Indigenous Christians," Burmans and Karens; and Evangelism.

Last year we had a great Conference with Dr. and Mrs. Robbins with us and the presence of almost all the missionaries on the field in the discussion of the great problems that were before us. But no less wonderful was the Conference of this year. Wonderful, because of its stimulation to draw closer to God and in its

strengthening of the inner spirit.

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Several things were responsible for the spiritual atmosphere. One was the attitude in which the main problem of the Conference was approached. What this attitude was is shown by the subject of the first paper on the program, "Making the Financial 'Cut' a Spiritual Asset." We were brought to see that this was an opportunity for greater dependence on God, for greater sacrifice and devotion, and also a great opportunity for awakening

responsibility among the indigenous Christians.
"Stewardship," was the motto and some excellent papers were given and a fine sermon was delivered on various aspects of this topic, which stirred every heart with the longing to be the faithful steward who reflects the spirit of the Master he serves, and a desire to lead others of the country to a realization of their stewardship.

Another factor was the encouragement received on hearing reports for several fields as to what the native Christians were doing to help meet the crisis occasioned by the "cut." As we were discussing how we might rouse them to help, lo, we found that God had already touched the hearts of some of them and they were responding.

Dr. Harper reported that the Namkham Shan Church, composed of 100 poor members, had raised Rs. 700 to meet the sudden emergency of a chance to buy the Government School there at a great bargain.

Immanuel Baptist Church announced that it would be self-supporting after the 1st of November.

The Toungoo Burmans say they will support their

Moulmein Karens report gifts of over Rs. 3,000 more than usual and expect to undertake the entire support of the school.

After a stewardship campaign in the Maubin field, gifts for the school were doubled and full support of three evangelists provided. One family gave Rs. 300 to support and evangelist, one church gave Rs. 1,500 to finish the building for the Elementary Training Class. One woman gave money to furnish a rest house for the pastors and evangelists.

Many other fields reported similar experiences. How can we fail to be heartened by such news as this?

But perhaps that which moved us all to deeper consecration and stronger faith was the passing from our midst of Dr. E. W. Kelly on Wednesday night during Conference. We had expected to have him give the Conference sermon on Thursday evening, but instead, it was his memorial service.

He had planned to speak on the text found in I Jno. 5:4, "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Dr. Kelly was a man of faith and all who came in contact with him whether for a long or a short time knew that he was a man who "walked with God." I think everyone of us prayed for a greater consecration of our lives that we might have the influence he had. We were saddened but glad that his departure was at a time when friends from far and near were gathered

No spirit of selfishness could reign in a Conference where all were thinking of that great unselfish life, and many were the voluntary givings up of appropriations from one field to be used in another where the need was seemingly greater.

The session on Thursday was most helpful when we had papers given by the indigenous Christians on "Getting the Burman's Point of View," "The Burman and His Burdens," and "Karen Problems." These papers help towards a better understanding and larger helpful-

THOUGHTS AND FIGURES

"We are stewards, not of laws, but of life."

With Stewardship properly taught, "The hope of Burma will not be the American Church but the hope of Burma will be the Burman Church."

"Stewardship is service but not servility. It demands an adherence to the Master's ideals but allows great liberty of action."

"What will be the measure of intensity of the steward? the other stewards, or the Master?"

These are statistics.

Burmans, 1 Christian to 1,195 non-Christians.

Karens, I Christian to 17 non-Christians. Shans, 1 Christian to 2,320 non-Christians.

Chins, I Christian to 125 non-Christians. Kachins, I Christian to 27 non-Christians.

From 1911 to 1921 Buddhists show a growth of 7 per cent, probably due to new territory covered by census.

In the same period the Christians show a 22 per cent gain, but the most active ingathering is among the Lahus just across the border and so not included in the census

The Christian workers show I preacher to every 72 Christians; I Karen preacher to 1,300 non-Christian Karens; I Burman preacher to 91,000 non-Christian Burmans. In the last five years preachers have increased by only 25; teachers by 432. But statistics are inaccurate on this point as some are both preacher and teacher.

Forty-first International Convention of the North number to per cent who are members of American Young Men's Christian Associations

BY HOWARD B. GROSE

ancy, realize what a bulwark they and their force and a force for righteousness is here. And the second reason was the thoroughly religious character of the meeting, and the movement projected for closer relations manded. with the churches.

Convention was the report of the Commission on Approach to the Churches, which had for three years been holding conferences with denominational representatives, in order to find out the exact situation, discover the difficulties and duplications, and pave the way for understanding, goodwill and cooperation. The Commission certainly did an admirable and thorough piece of work, which can scarcely fail to have large results of good both to the churches and the Associations. There are great potentialities wrapped up in it, and the delegates recognized that fact. It was heard with profound attention and its recommendations unanimously adopted.

This report states the basic principles of cooperation as (1) The supremacy of Christ: (2) The primacy of the church; (3) The continued independence of the Association of ecclesiastical control; and (4) Adequacy of relationship. The duty of the churches is to sustain and counsel this specialized agency for work among men and boys; and the duty of the Association is so to promote its work among men and boys as to lead them to become disciples of Christ, members of the church, and stable in Christian character. Surely that is clear and practicable. The Association's work is to supplement that of the church, never to supplant it. The necessity for more spiritual work and a more definite leading of men and boys to Christ was fully recognized. Mediums of conference between denominational judicatories and the International Committee were provided for. In short, if the recommendations of this Commission are transmuted into cooperative activities it will mean a new era for thousands of our churches and Associations.

Dr. Mott tells of the action regarding membership. The International Committee report fills 174 pages and is a mine of information concerning world-wide activities. It would surprise many of our read-

T WAS with much gladness of heart ers to know of the wide range of the forthat I attended the Convention at eign mission work done in cooperation Atlantic City, November 14-19, for with our missions, and the home mission two reasons especially. One was the sight department also carries on an important of that body of 2,000 men representing service. The colored Associations are full the Associations of this country and Can- of vigor, and the Negro delegates were ada with their million membership and most cordially treated by the Brotherhood. manifold activities. It was cheering to sit A leading recommendation, unanimously among them, sense the spiritual power they adopted, expressed deep appreciation of possess, catch the spirit of faith and buoy- the multiplying evidence of renewed emphasis of the central spiritual objective, fellow-members form for the protection and heartily endorsed the plan of the of the liberties, institutions and interests Special Religious Work Commission to we hold dear. A tremendous American conduct a visitation of Associations this winter in order to strengthen the religious interest and programs. Prohibition was solidly endorsed and its enforcement de-

The lasting impression of the gathering To me the outstanding feature of the was the spiritual. The program was arranged so that the devotional and intercessory periods came at the right time to keep business from getting the upper hand. Many Conventions might learn a valuable lesson from this organization in the matter of program-making. And the singing of the real hymns-what a thrilling feature that was; while the Negro Spirituals as rendered by the Fisk Jubilee Singers never failed to touch the soul. It was a forward-looking, constructive Convention.

Dr. Mott's Interpretation

Contrary to the headlines in the papers which in certain cases conveyed an impression the very opposite of the report given to the press and therefore contrary to the facts, the Young Men's Christian Association at its recent International Convention at Atlantic City has not broken with the evangelical churches but rather strengthened its relation to them. In all the long chain of forty-one International Conventions it may be questioned whether the Association has ever rung more true on this fundamental point than it did at its recent Convention.

I. The Atlantic City Convention took no action requiring any Association now on the historic Portland Basis, of active membership to make any change therein. No Association which already has that Basis is disturbed.

2. The Atlantic City Convention aligned itself as never before with the evangelical churches of today in that it adopted by practically unanimous vote, as an alternate plan, the provision that active membership in the Association shall be held to include those who are members in any church which is eligible for membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

3. The Convention allowed any Association to admit to its Managing Board on the vote of the Board, 90 per cent of whom must be members of evangelical churches, men not to exceed in

the Association but not members of churches included in the foregoing provisions, provided such men personally accept the Paris Basis as a statement of their personal purpose.

This Basis, which unites all the Young' Men's Christian Associations of the world, and which as a matter of fact is today accepted by nearly every national group of Associations, reads as follows: "The Young Men's Christian Associations seek to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour, according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and in their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom amongst young men."

4. The Convention by unanimous vote renewed its declaration of loyalty to the evangelical churches.

5. The action taken by the Convention at the request of the student Associations will also result, it is believed, in strengthening the relation between the Associations and the churches. The splendid statement of purpose adopted for Student Associations not only gives greater reality and vitality to the Student Association membership, but also magnifies the place of church membership and service in the work and leadership of these Associations. According to this statement of purpose, one of the obligations of the student Association membership is, "to lead students into the membership and service of the Christian Church." The action of the Convention does not change the present requirements for elective officers and delegates from Student Associations to the

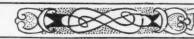
Finally, the Convention accepted unanimously the report of the Commission on Approach to the Churches of which Dr. Wm. Horace Day was chairman, and the membership of which includes recognized and trusted ministerial leaders of all of the principal evangelical churches. The findings and recommendations of this report constitute the most statesmanlike and satisfactory statement of the relationship which should exist between the Associations and the churches which has ever been prepared. The fact that its constructive proposals were adopted with such conviction is most reassuring.

It should be pointed out that the Convention was composed of some 1,600 voting delegates, all of whom are members of evangelical churches. When Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman of the Federal Council, suggested that those delegates who are officers, teachers and committee workers in their respective churches stand, nearly three-fourths of the entire number stood. Facts like these should serve to dispel any doubt or misapprehension which may exist in any quarter as to the unswerving loyalty of the Young Men's Christian Association to the evangelical churches of the United States and Canada.

JOHN R. MOTT.



The World for Christ



MISSIONS FOR 1923

The following are some of the features that will make MISSIONS for 1923 of special interest and value:

- A SERIES OF ARTICLES of statesmanlike quality and broad scope, interpreting national developments, movements and events in India, China, and Japan, by special contributors in each of these important lands.
- INTERPRETATIONS OF EUROPEAN SITUATIONS AND BAPTIST PROGRESS by Commissioner Rushbrooke, dealing especially with the newer nations.

SPECIAL ISSUES:

February-Stockholm and the Baptist World Congress.

May-Washington Pre-Convention Issue.

October—Report of the Baptist World Congress.

- THE MAKING OF A MISSIONARY MAGAZINE—How MISSIONS is made, editorially and mechanically, with illustrations of "copy," places and processes, including also a brief history of our missionary magazines from the beginning.
- FOR THE STIMULATION OF THE SPIRITUAL LIFE—A page carefully selected to this end from the world's rich thought.
- MISSIONARY STORIES AND PAGEANTS—To be announced from month to month.
- REMINISCENCES OF AN EX-SECRETARY—The first paper in this issue.
- EDITORIAL REVIEWS of UNUSUAL BOOKS.
- MISSIONARY TRAVELOGS, covering principal countries in which our missionaries are at work.
- FROM THE WORLD FIELDS—Itemizing the fresh news from every part of our mission territory, at home and abroad; a mine of information for program committees and for quotation in midweek meetings; a new feature in charge of Mr. Lipphard, with the cooperation of all the societies.
- BROADCASTING BROTHERHOOD—A regular place in which the plans and activities of the Baptist Brotherhood Federation will be reported; in charge of Rev. J. Foster Wilcox, Director, who knows news and how to put life into it.
- ALL THE REGULAR DEPARTMENTS will be continued—The Open Forum of Church Methods, The World Wide Guild, The Children's World Crusade, The Missionary Education Department, and the special Society Notes in Helping Hand, Tidings, The Far Lands and Home Lands.
- MISSIONS' PUZZLES attract a large circle of guessers, and so many have won prizes this year that Miss Bennett is going to make the Puzzles much harder if she can.
- THE QUESTION BOX has hundreds of devoted adherents, who read with care.
- CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MISSION FIELDS—MISSIONS has a corps of missionary contributors of whom the denomination may well be proud. They know how to work and how to write, and thus make the work known.

If not a subscriber, begin with this January issue, and see if aught has been set down here which the year's issues do not make good.

Entre Nous—Sanctum Chat and Comment

"There's a chiel amang ye takin' notes, an' faith, he'll prent 'em"

it which we are very proud to show narrow shelf running around two sides of the not large and too-bedecked room is made correct in detail under the direction types and costumes of Southern Indiaartisans and so on. These are a study in ried appeal for aid. color, caste and vocation. Next to them are three figures in wood which represent the native and untutored art of a tribe on the border of Tibet, showing love of color and rude skill in figure carving; then for contrast you have an Indian fakir and a Roman lady of finished art. There is also a wall adorned with Missions' coversa fine study in variety and attractiveness. Come and see for yourself, only do not mind the manuscript-littered desks and the paraphernalia of a workshop where the day is never long enough to get the day's work finished. Busy-but never too busy to see a friend.

Dr. Rushbrooke, our Commissioner for Europe, dropped in for a chat about afhow fortunate the Baptists of England position of wide influence a man of such ability, knowledge, grasp, statesmanlike diplomacy or anti-Protestant propaganda. It is intensely interesting to hear him tell of some of his dealings with persons in power who have attempted to deprive our Baptist people and other Protestants in newly established nations of the religious liberties guaranteed them in the constitutions adopted. He believes in dealing with heads of government, and this has commonly resulted in success for his cause and discomfiture for the foes of freedom. A busy, on-the-go, eventful life, but one of great importance to high interests of Christian civilization just now. readers may expect from him as the months pass reliable information of value concerning the developments in Europe.

As to one thing Dr. Rushbrooke was plies sent to Russia had no certainty of getting into the hands of the people needing the relief he declared to be absolutely without foundation or truth. He said that the arrangements were so thorough that it was practically impossible for the Bolfood intended for the cold and hungry. As for our Baptist gifts, we had our for- ment officials were Protestant. He thought reflex influence.

HE Sanctum has some objects in eign representative, Mr. Lewis, on the ground, and the American Relief Agency to our visitors. On a high and of Mr. Hoover controls the distribution. Needy Baptists will get their share, while it is one of the greatest things we have placed a collection of figures well worth ever done to further evangelical Christianseeing. Carefully molded, painted and ity that we have not limited our gifts selfishly to our own denomination, but of Dr. Timpany, one of our able medical have ministered as far as possible to those missionaries, these figures represent the most in want of help. It was good to be assured of these facts, and the article elsesoldiers, policemen, musicians, flower- where in this issue will show what a large women, wood and water carriers, farmers, response our people have made to a hur-

Recently the Editor had the profitable pleasure of an interview with a professor in the University of Prague, who had arrived in this country from China on his way home. In China he attended the World's Christian Student Federation Conference, afterwards visiting many places in China and meeting groups of students and business men. He said he found the Chinese in the throes of intellectual and spiritual transformation. The growing influence of Christianity has led to the mobilizing of the anti-Christian forces, and the struggle is on between the rival religions as never before. India was most in evidence in the Conference, he said, but China was of chief interest to What a charming man he is, and him, as the potential nation of the Orient. He liked the Chinese the better the more destined to play a leading part in the development of the Far East. It was interview and personal persuasiveness. Of esting to get the impressions of a Czechokeen insight, he cannot be fooled by secret slovakian scholar who is also a broadminded student of international affairs.

As for Czechoslovakia, he said, the new nation has in many ways been favored. In his judgment it is the most prosperous of the European states at present, although that does not mean that many of the people are not far from comfortable circumstances and stable conditions. He regarded Czechoslovakia especially fortunate in having had at its head from the beginning such a scholar, statesman and leader as President Masaryk, who is venerated by his people very much as Washinga surprise to hear him say that next to the name of their President, who has been elecand loved by the people at large. And next most positive. A report that relief sup- to their own flag always come the stars with the pictures that illustrate. Many iousliberty was a fact, and that Protestant- quickens faith, and makes work sacred sheviki to get control of the clothing and ism was in a relatively strong position, and glad. If so, it will be indeed a Happy since the President and leading govern- New Year, and every reader will feel its

much of future success in the Protestant work would depend upon the wisdom of the different denominations which are at work, and whether those who were giving aid from America would be willing to let the Czecholsovakia Protestants work out their own plans without too much outside direction and domination. Harmful friction might easily be developed if sectarian stress was introduced. I did not press the point. I feel quite sure that while we are doing what we can to encourage and help the Baptists of Czechoslovakia, as evidenced by sending our preachers to them last summer, we are working through the native forces and churches, and not setting up a foreign establishment. It is through such agencies that the best work is to be accomplished. By the way, a most accomplished gentleman was this professor, a fine type of courtesy and culture, at home in half a dozen languages, including English. Our readers shall know more about that remarkable University of Prague some day.

"Each copy is better than the previous one," writes a friend from Ohio. That is not only appreciated, but the writer has exactly described our constant aim and effort-to make it so.

An illustrious and illuminating example of the intelligence and accuracy of the daily newspapers in dealing with religious matters was furnished in connection with the noteworthy Y. M. C. A. International Convention at Atlantic City. One mornand the United States are to have in a he saw of them, and he believes they are ing big headlines in some of the leading papers announced that the Associations had rejected church control, declared ecclesiastical independence, and ended relations with the churches. Of course those who read the text below the headlines found out their falsity, but how many fail to take that trouble. Save for the religious press, how would people know that no International Convention of this great Brotherhood ever declared itself so positively for the closest possible cooperation with the churches, and left no doubt as the sincere and earnest desire for mutual understanding, good-will and not only conference and plans and programs but teamwork for the religious forces.

What will the New Year bring to the ton is by Americans. It was something of Sanctum? Well, may it bring many visitors, and among them many missionaries, either outgoing to field or incoming on ted for life, that of Lincoln is best known furlough. Many informing and enlightening articles from all parts of the world, and stripes. America is still a word to inspiring ideas that may be imparted to conjure with there. If Czechoslovakia had the pages of Missions and thence transprospered economically and politically, muted into inspiring activities in lives. I asked him how it was religiously. Not a Above all, a daily consciousness of a Pres-Baptist, though a Protestant, he said relig- ence that calms anxiety, creates trust,

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EDUCATION THE HANDMAID OF EVANGELISM IN BURMA

The four India Mission fields of Northern Baptists have

2,135 Schools—All Grades from Kindergarten to College 13 Theological Seminaries and Bible Training Schools

1 College, at Rangoon, Burma 69,201 Pupils

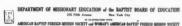
Of last year's student body at Judson College and Rangoon Schools

8 of every 10 are Christians 8 of every 10 Christian graduates in 1920 have entered some form of mission work

Baptist Mission Press, Rangoon, issued last year in native languages

2,725 Entire Bibles 112,000 New Testaments, Gospels and Scripture portions 22,000 Sunday School lesson helps

'An ignorant church is easily led into error or sin A well educated church is a virile church.'' -E. D. PHINNEY.







50.000,000 "untouchables" of India are denied the use of village wells and schools or admission to the Temples. Our greatest ingatherings by baptism have been among these.

2,700 from these criminal tribes have come under the care of our missionaries in Government settlements. 150 have been baptized.

India has 160 women doctors for 160,000,000 women cut off by custom from men's hospitals and

The Woman's Union Medical School at Vellore has sent its first. graduates into 13 centers.

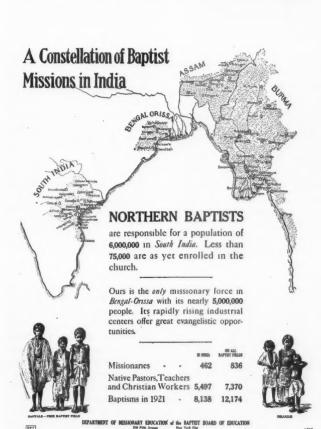
Baptists have in India proper 12 Hospitals 13 Dispensaries 15 Physicians, men and women

Dr. Lena Benjamin reports from Nellore Hospital alone last year 7,924 patients 45,524 treatments



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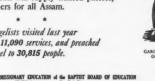


AMERICAN RAPTIST POREIGN MESSION SOCIETY and WOMAN'S AMERICAN RAPTIST POREIGN MESSION SOCIETY

THE TRIBESMEN for Christ in ASSAM In a territory little larger than Michigan, there are 170 Languages and Dialects spoken 13 Baptist Mission Stations 10 Different Races 224 Churches 241 Schools Our latest frontier station among the Nagas is 106 miles from the railway. The new missionary home has become a real community house for gatherings of reachers, evangelists and village people. Every pupil in the new school for girls has become a Christian. Jorhat Christian Schools will supply trained pastors, evangelists and teachers for all Assam. *

Garo Evangelists visited last year 965 villages, held 11,090 services, and preached the Gospel to 30,815 people.

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Posters of the Missionary Education Department for India Study Classes



FROM THE WORLD FIELD



the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Baptist Mission School in girl's clothing. women of that country, on the same terms Society is used in gathering up boys and Sure enough, it turned out that she was a as those for men. girls for the Sunday school at Moneta, girl who had always been dressed as a boy Since the field covers a territory of 10 because the Chinese gods are supposed miles long and 4 miles wide, the need of to feel special favor for Oriental males! the bus can easily be imagined. The The parents hoped to trick the powers-Japanese have raised more than \$600.00 that-be and win their approval. And this to apply toward its purchase and have in modern, Christian America! agreed to raise the balance in 8 months.

not exceed \$1,500. A noble woman read a check for \$5,000, thus recognizing the sible by the generosity of a friend. importance and wisdom of such aid.

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What might have been a serious "preachers' strike" in Belgian Congo was Marsh, according to a report from Mrs. was about to pay the customary quarterly to its total number of schools. salaries to 60 preachers, they all called attention to the increase in the cost of living and the necessity of increased compensation. Mr. Marsh could not do otherwise than explain to them the serious financial situation at home and the fact that the Foreign Mission Board, because of its accumulated deficit, was unable to make larger proportions. After careful consideration, all accepted the situation and returned to their places on the same salaries. A visit over the field later by Mr. Marsh found then all fulfilling their tasks.

The Eighteenth District of Connecticut is to be congratulated in the election to the State Senate of Mr. E. E. Rogers, a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. The news from Michigan that Rev. Grant M. Hudson, Secretary of the Michigan Baptist State Convention, has been elected to represent his Congressional District in the House of Representatives, is another outstanding source of satisfaction to those offices during these days of stress.

A curious Oriental custom is described by Miss Josephine Larzelere, a kindergartner among the Chinese children in

A Ford automobile bus, purchased by the child was brought by the mother to the the Reforms Act should be extended to the

The Book of Remembrance has been The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit sent with a card of Christmas greeting to Board recently published an offer to re- each of the missionaries of the Woman's duce the first year's dues for ministers who American Baptist Foreign Mission Sodesire to join the Retiring Pension Fund ciety. The sending of this Christmas whose salaries, including parsonages, did remembrance that will remind our missionaries all through the year of the interest the offer and immediately sent the Board of their friends at home, was made pos-

The Publication Society reports that the "Bigger and Better Church-Sunday School Campaign" has already passed the happily averted by Missionary A. V. 1,200 mark in registered schools. An award has been offered to the state making Marsh. It seems that when Mr. Marsh the most notable showing in proportion

The Baptist Young People's Union of Roumania was organized by Roumanian Baptists who returned to their native soil from America since the close of the war. The Roumanian American Baptist Association, which was organized in 1913, numbered 1,200 when the Armistice was signed. The Association, according to Professor V. Prodan's researches, has sent \$10,000 to the Baptists in Roumania as help for missions and orphans.

During the past year, 17 high caste Sudras were baptized on the Ongole field in South India. This is more than have been baptized during the entire preceding history of the station.

It is estimated that more than 8,000 Negro Baptists are now in Los Angeles, who have no affiliation with any of the Negro churches there. The Second Negro Baptist Church is negotiating the purwho feel that there is needed men of such chase of a \$15,000 lot upon which to erect fine Christian character in responsible a \$75,000 church building. This plant, offices during these days of stress. when completed, will be of tremendous usefulness in reaching these unchurched Negro Baptists.

San Francisco. She had noticed a little Christians at Lahore, in 1921, put itself time administrative expenses have been boy plaing on the pavement in front of a on record as being of the opinion that the reduced to a minimum, and there is one nearby house for several years. Recently time has come when the franchise under less secretary on the staff at headquarters.

In a recent letter, Rev. A. F. Ufford of Shaohsing, East China, describes the damage done by disastrous floods in his immediate vicinity during the past summer. Not within the memory of the older missionaries have there been such widespread floods. In the district of Chuki 1,000 people lost their lives. Roads, bridges, dykes, sluices, fields, and houses were destroyed as the streams rose beyond all bounds. In the town of Tsong Ko Bu, all the front walls and three out of five of the rear walls of the flourishing girls' school and chapel building are down. The building is located fully half a mile from the river and yet the preacher, his family, and the two teachers in the girls' school, would have drowned had they not been rescued at midnight by a boatman who took them from an upstairs window into his boat. The preacher's wife suffered a severe nervous shock as the experience came at a time when her baby was a month old.

The last two years of political turmoil and social unrest throughout India have witnessed remarkable evangelistic ingatherings particularly in the Telugu area in South India. According to a report of missionary T. V. Witter, more than 50,000 converts have been gathered in by various missions at work in that area.

The report of the Ongole Mission station in South India for last year shows that 55 preachers, 165 men teacher preachers, 92 women teachers and 59 Bible women were in service. There are 8 fully organized churches and 80 others almost fully organized in this field, with a total membership of 12,420.

By actual count 52 fields of the Woman's Home Mission Society have been affected by the 25 per cent cut of which we speak so glibly and the equivalent in salaries of 40 missionaries and 30 teachers has been withdrawn. This necessitates the closing entirely of some mission stations and the overburdening of workers at others. Splendid mission schools are having to discontinue some courses because of reduced appropriations, and this necessarily detracts from the standing of the schools in The All-India Conference of Indian the communities which they serve. Mean-

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class consists of 80, the sophomore class 54, the junior class 19 and the senior class 32. The loss in the junior class was due to the students' boycott. These students represent 8 different races.

Rev. F. C. Mabie of the faculty of Shanghai College, writes enthusiastically about the opening of the new science building, made possible by the gift of a friend; "There is a joyful task before me. We are packing bottles and crocks and moving from the six old rooms where the science department has been housed for the Brethren.' twelve years to the spacious new building which is just being completed. This building contains forty-five rooms-a floor each for physics, biology and chemistry and a fourth floor for special laboratories, storage battery and stock rooms. And so the dream dreamed ever since the first day we landed in China has at last come true. The much needed building is a reality and in consequence we hope to send out men better equipped for service along scientific lines. Our prayer is that they may also be better able to render efficient Christian service. Perhaps no one can realize the deep thankfulness and joy with which we begin our new term housed in our fine building."

The list of publications by the Baptist Mission Press at Rangoon, Burma, for last year includes 81 different titles. An interesting array of languages is indicated in this list which includes 24 Burmese, 15 Korean, 7 English, 3 Kachin, 4 Shan, 20 Talain and the remainder miscellaneous. The press published 80,000 New Testament portions in Burmese, 20,000 Old Testament portions in Talain and 10,000 Gospels in Shan.

Last June Ruby graduated from Mather School, an institution in Beaufort, S. C., is now at Morris Brown University in Atlanta, Georgia, and writes the following letter to her old teachers at Mather: "I am as happy as a lark! I will be loyal to my Saviour, my mother, my virtue and Mather. I am holding always before me the ideal woman. Oh, how happy I am that Mather molded and refined me. ogy classes, study groups and all others Pray for me as I undertake to uphold the great principles of unstained womanhood." Every barrel of clothing and supplies sent well to consult this department. to Mather helps to educate such girls.

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sailed from New York last May have re- China, seems to have died a natural death. sumed their work in Belgian Congo, at A branch was organized at Kaying and their former station, Sona Bata, which has each Christian student was to be dealt recently been the scene of an unprece- with and forced to renounce his faith, dented revival. They were obliged to leave but the plan was not carried out. Another aries at work in various remote sections their one child, David, in America. He weapon used was that of spreading scan- of that field.

opened this year with an enrolment of 185, the climate and the lack of adequate edu-nent Christians. The whole movement, representing an increase of more than 33 cational facilities his parents felt it was not however, has seemed to work for good, as

A retired Baptist minister writes from Indiana, "I am in receipt of your letter informing me of the grant of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. I am greatly cheered over it knowing that we which we did not have the past winter. professions of faith. I send my appreciation of tender love to

Snowball Evangelism

An unusual story of how a snow ball led to the conversion of a great Baptist leader is told by Rev. Joseph Novotny, pastor of the First Czechoslovakia Baptist Church in New York City. It seems that his father, during his boyhood days, lived in a district where, because of opposition and persecution, the Protestants had to meet in secret in the mountains. One afternoon, the boys in the village, among them young Novotny, assembled to play with snowballs. One of them struck young Novotny in the eye causing serious injury. The boy was carried quickly to a house where a secret meeting of Protestants happened to be in session. It was the first time that the boy had ever been in a religious meeting of this kind. In this secret place he found Christ and later became one of the founders of Baptist work in Czechoslovakia. "Today," said the son, "we have nearly 5,000 members. Do not forget us. Czechoslovakia for Christ!"

The National Urban League, 127 East 23rd Street, New York City, has estabsupported by the Woman's Home Mission lished a Department of Research and In-Charles S. Johnson, an alumnus of Virginia Union University, the Home Mission books and clothes. School for Negroes in Richmond, Va. Recently there has been added to the staff another graduate from this same school, Abram L. Harris. Social and civic agencies, students and social workers, socioldesiring accurate information concerning the social conditions of Negroes will do

The students' anti-Christian movement, Rev. and Mrs. P. A. McDiarmid who according to Louise Campbell of South

Judson College at Rangoon, Burma, was born in Belgian Congo but because of dalous but false reports concerning promiper cent over last year. The freshman wise to take him back after furlough. persecution has always done in the history of the church.

In spite of the economic depression in Porto Rico during the past year, the work of the Caguas-Cayey District has been marked by a steady advance. The will not suffer the deprivations of life that Caguas church is completing its third year we have had at times in the past. I was in of self-support. It has cooperated with constant distress as my wife's health the Home Mission Society in the purchase seemed on the decline. With winter apof a parsonage. A recent series of evanproaching we would need proper clothing, gelistic meetings at Cidra resulted in 65

A new community of Mexicans has located on Sunrise Heights in Los Angeles. The Baptist City Mission Society is meeting the situation through tent evangelism and 15 conversions have been reported.

"I trust things are looking up at your end of the work," writes Miss Mary W. Ranney from Burma. "We can all say as Dr. Judson did, that 'the outlook is as bright as the promises of God.' Whatever failure there it is not on His side."

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board has published the first issue of an attractive and informing little quarterly which gives detailed information concerning the work of that Board. An excellent picture of Dr. Henry L. Morehouse, first President of the Board, adorns the first page. Copies of the publication will be sent to all who may be interested if they will forward their names and addresses to Secretary E. T. Tomlinson, 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

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The students of the Bible Training School for Women in Nellore, South India, are taught to be both practical and spiritual. In order to encourage self-support among them there is a vegetable garden in connection with the school in which the students work after school hours and on Satur-Society for work among Negro girls. She vestigations, and has appointed as director days. They are paid by the hour for their work and in this way earn money for their

English bids fair to be the most popular subject taught in the Girls' School at Kanagawa, Japan. The girls in the Higher Department have recently organized an English-speaking society.

Baptists are known as "water drinkers" in some parts of Burma because of their attempt to create a sentiment against the liquor drinking which is so prevalent.

A Sgaw Karen Woman's Society in Burma supports sixteen Karen mission-

32 this year have graduates in the student special worker among army men. body at Judson College. This reflects the high esteem in which the college is held throughout Burma.

Miss Martha Blackmore, a missionary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society in the Baptist Christian Center in Los Angeles, writes of the opening of the new unit of their building on October 3. There were representatives present from all the churches of the city and the building was crowded afternoon and evening. The missionaries had arranged for several demonstrations on the part of the children, and a group of Mexican girls served refreshments. "I wish you could have been here-I'm sure we have the most wonderful plant in America," writes Miss Blackmore "If I could only turn twins or triplets all would go well.'

Under the direction of Rev. B. T. Leonard, Religious Education Director in Detroit, the Detroit Baptist Union conducted a most successful educational conference for Negro churches at the Christian Center on Russell Street. The program included lectures to pastors, bible school teachers and leaders in young people's work. There are now 44 Negro Baptist churches in Detroit.

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A Paku Karen Home Mission Society has been organized in the Toungoo district, Burma, and the Women's Societies combine in holding annual meetings. Fifty-four villages contribute to this work.

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"Our Bible School students," writes Miss Genevra Brunner from Nellore, South India, "are as a whole, earnest Christian young women, and it is a joy to watch their spiritual development. When one of the young women who, two doctors said, was going blind was completely healed in answer to our prayers, their faith was greatly strengthened.'

The first anniversary of the founding of the International Baptist Seminary, the school maintained by the American Baptist Home Mission Society for foreignspeaking students at East Orange, N. J., was celebrated on Columbus Day by a formal reopening. Sixty students are now enrolled, a number which exceeds all previous records.

where the need is urgent, each may apply preacher."

Registration of students at Judson Col- to the Society for not more than \$150 lege reveals the interesting fact that they during the year, to provide hymn books, Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, have come from 25 different schools in communion sets, invitation cards and other writes that more than 16 new fields among Burma, of which 13 were schools main- accessories indispensable to the work. a fine class of American people ought to tained by the Foreign Mission Society. The Society also cooperates with one of the have vigorous Baptist churches. This is a Out of 47 high schools throughout Burma, State Conventions in the employment of a great challenge to the denomination.

churches of the Los Angeles Baptist Association, convened at the Garnet Street Mission Chapel and unanimously voted the recognition of the Garnet Street Mexican Baptist Church as a regularly constituted Baptist Church and recommended it to the fellowship of the Association and of the denomination. There are at present forty-two constituent members. More then thirty of these are adults. Embree and Pastor Ayon deserve great credit for the years of faithful service and patient teaching which have made it possible to organize a Baptist church out of this fine group of Mexican people.

The wife of an aged retired minister in Illinois writes: "It is now one year since my husband began receiving a grant from the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit. I do not know what we would have done without it. In these hard times when we have so many anxious moments as to how to make both ends meet, it is such a relief to know that there is something we can depend upon. I do feel so grateful to those who planned and gave so that retired ministers might be helped. In the busy years of active service we did not anticipate some of the experiences we are having now, and I am glad we did not."

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The Business Department of the Publication Society, according to Mr. Harvey Cressman, business manager, exists to render service to all Baptist churches and church schools and to place good Baptist periodicals in every Baptist school. The printing presses of the Society are never idle for they are giving to the public Bibles in all languages, sent to all parts of the world. Each month, "The Sunday School Worker" goes to Thousands of leaders in the Sunday schools, bringing new plans and new suggestions for the meeting of many problems.

Bacone Indian College in Arizona began work in the fall in its new school building. There is an enrolment of 152 pupils in the grades, representing 14 tribes and coming from four different states-Oklahoma, California, Mississippi and Arizona. Ages range all the way from 5 to 27. In the sixth grade, for instance, are John and Mary Kinsey, Mohaves from Arizona, Within the past year thirteen Army and man and wife aged twenty-five and twenty-Navy Chaplains have been appointed as seven. They are training for Christian Chaplain-Missionaries of The American leadership. A full-blooded Choktaw boy Baptist Home Mission Society without of twenty says earnestly, "Some day, Lantern Lectures on Health given for salary, but with the understanding that about ten years from now, maybe I be these students were attended by 2,200

Rev. J. B. Fox, Superintendent of the

During the absence of Rev. J. M. Baker, A council, representing the Baptist on furlough, the big Ongole field has been placed under the general direction of Missionary T. V. Witter. This is one of the largest mission fields in the work of the Foreign Mission Society, representing 12,000 Baptist church members and a much larger Christian community. this field there are more than 300 teachers, preachers and Bible Women and other workers.

In Manipur, once the forbidden state in Assam, where it was not possible to do much mission work until a few years ago, wonderful transformations are taking place. The number on the church rolls is 1,526 as compared with 335 four years ago. Among the Tangkhul Nagas there has been a great turning to God, whole villages having decided to become Christian. In the Manipur mission last year there were 579 baptisms.

San Juan, the capital city of Porto Rico, reports an enlargement of work through the completion under Home Mission auspices of the fine new church and Christian center building. During the year thirtyone members have been added to the church, offerings have increased and the central Bible School together with its three branch schools has had an average attendance of 288. The average attendance has been 75 in the first grade school and kindergarten.

"There is a wonderful spirit of awakening everywhere in India these days. I never saw, when I was here before, the eagerness to forge ahead among Indian women as it is now," says Miss Sarah B. Gowen, who has recently returned to

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Secretary Charles L. White, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society delivered the address at the One Hundredth Anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Nashua, New Hampshire, of which he was pastor from 1894 to 1900. One week later he spoke on "The Conquest of the Continent," at the First Church, Newport, R. I., at a union meeting of Baptists.

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Hangchow, East China, had nineteen Daily Vacation Bible Schools last summer with 948 registered students. Of the 85 teachers, 47 were women. All were volunteers, and the development of the schools was entirely due to their enthusiasm. people.

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BROADCASTING BROTHERHOOD

Plans and Activities of the Baptist Brotherhood Federation

REV. J. FOSTER WILCOX, DIRECTOR, 23 E. 26TH ST., NEW YORK

Brotherhood and the New Year

We extend the season's greetings to the members of our men's organizations. It is gratifying to know that thousands of Baptist men gather each week for study, fellowship and service, and that the number gradually increases. At the beginning of the New Year we are thinking about other thousands who fail to reveal a deep interest in the enterprises of the Kingdom. Their indifference, however, must not be mistaken for opposition. They are not enemies of the church. They are in sympathy with her motives, and in time of assault or misrepresentation most of them would come to her defense. But like one mentioned in the Scriptures they are careful and troubled about many things and their minds are preoccupied. Our great problem is to get our great objectives into the minds of these brethren. It is said that a young minister, conscious of his failure as a preacher, asked the great Joseph Parker for helpful criticism. Dr. Parker invited the young man to preach a sermon to him and after listening attentively to the discourse he said: "My friend, you preached that sermon as though you desired to get it off your mind. You should have preached it as though you desired to get it into my mind." We must remember that many good causes insist upon making their appeal to right thinking men.

The world is ever needy and hundreds of organizations have been formed to meet various conditions. Seventeen hundred of these agencies are appealing for support in the United States. The business man is fairly deluged with invitations to serve and give. The fact that these organizations continue to exist is proof in itself of a Their appeals are specific. Their objectives are clearly defined. They boldly demand support. Many of these societies are necessary and some have no church has failed to perform its mission, but they all depend for their existence upon the interest they create. The church of Christ must compel attention, create interest and invite support.

I have often been asked, "What new methods have you to suggest which will help us in reaching men outside the church?" Replying, I have endeavored to emphasize that good methods are important, but it is the spirit that quickeneth. When the people are on fire with zeal for God and love for men, workable methods will be found.

days. "Listing and enlisting" is the slogan of one of our most successful brotherhoods. All unchurched men in the community are listed and the members call upon and invite them to enlist in the work of the church.

Assuming that our groups have adopted challenging programs for the religious, intellectual and social development of their members, and the promotion of the King- 10. No knowledge of social facts. dom, let us emphasize the value of every II. man's becoming a real missionary among his preoccupied and indifferent church brothers, and those outside as well.

Sincerely yours,

J. FOSTER WILCOX, Director.

THE WEEK of PRAYER

It is earnestly recommended that all our men's groups emphasize the importance of the Week of Prayer, January 7-13, the program of which was fully given in December Missions. Many of our churches will observe the week by holding special services, and such meetings should be cordially supported by Baptist men.

The topics as issued by the Federal Council of Churches are:

Monday, "Thanksgiving and Confession." Tuesday, "The One Body of Which Christ

is Head." Wednesday, "Nations and Their Rulers." Thursday, "Foreign Missions." Friday, "Families, Schools, Colleges and

the Young."

Saturday, "Home Missions."

If we cannot attend special meetings we can remember these subjects of prayer.

A GREAT IDEAL

Right Honorable Arthur Henderson, P.C., M.P., of England, speaking on "The 10. Participation in temperance cam-City and the Citizen," recently, referred paigns and crusades against social to the Brotherhood movement as follows:

'This Brotherhood Movement does right to exist. Many are here because the not content itself with questions of ma- 12. Cooperation in Christian citizenship, chinery or organization only; it urges upon the manhood of the country a great ideal and noble conception. It seeks to create a new environment, but also recognizes the need for new men and women. It recognizes how wasteful and useless it would would be to build the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, and people it with moral derelicts, wasters, drunkards, and men without character or principle.

"Only as we raise the standard of in-After all, definite, intensive, personal obligations and service—rather than self- defense of a sober action. Much of our work is the most important factor in our interest. Only then can progress of a most effective work can be done in the success, and the one most needed in these permanent and wholesome nature be se- small political units. Publicity in country

cured. The supreme function of this Brotherhood Movement is to offer to individual men and women the opportunity of first becoming brothers and then practising brotherhood."

WHY SOME BROTHERHOODS FAIL

- 1. Small membership.
- 2. Lack of interest among members.
- 3. Slender income.
- No definite program.
- 5. Careless committees.
- 6. Much talk—little action.
- Lack of public confidence.
- 8. Absence of business cooperation.
- 9. Ignorance of underlying philosophy of growth.
- Little interest in educational problems.
- No attention to agricultural advance.
- 13. Unfamiliar with outside developments.
- 14. Pointless publicity.
- 15. Ineffective office system.
- 16. "Honorary" instead of active officers.
- 17. No vision.

BROTHERHOOD OBJECTIVES

- 1. Training in Bible lessons and social studies.
- Training for effective church work.
- 3. Training in stewardship principles and practice.
- 4. Training in mission study, giving, and service.
- 5. Training in lay evangelism:
 - (I) In gospel teams.
 - (2) In shop meetings.
 - (3) In open-air meetings.
 - (4) In open forums.
- 6. Training for boys' work:
 - (1) Boy Scouts.
 - (2) Boys' clubs.
 - (3) Boys' classes.
- Training for leadership in recreation in the church and in the community.
- 8. Guidance in the study and practice of industrial brotherhood.
- Interpreting the principles of international justice and organization.
- vices.
- 11. Promotion of rural life betterment.
- civic progress, and Americanization.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY

"The temperance forces of the nation need to be awake and alert as never before. The attacks of the liquor forces are becoming bolder. They are drawing to their aid many of the thoughtless and the selfindulgent. If the Volstead Act is to be sustained, we church people must be up dividual life does our conception of respon- and doing. Our supreme political duty sibility and duty expand. It is there that lies here. We must override party lines the values of life center themselves round and break political ties, if need be, in the the direct religious agencies of prayermeetings and church assemblies must all be called into the field."-From President Montgomery's address, Northern Baptist Convention.

BROTHERHOOD LOCALS

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society sent out appeals to 3,500 Baptist respect for our Nation and its sacred inlaymen, through our Brotherhood office, to assist in providing supplies for Russian relief. These laymen are leaders in Baptist men's organizations, and through them the appeal reached thousands of our

Brotherhoods are deeply interested in the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and should keep their members fully informed as to the progress made and the dangers we are confronting. The liquor interests seemingly control the press in the pronounced "wet" sections of our country and therefore the beneficial results of prohibition are not generally known. campaign of information is needed and it is planned to provide our Baptist churches quarters.

Interesting reports from Brotherhoods reveal renewed activity on the part of Baptist men. There has been a marked improvement in programs adopted. Where once men were expected only to "sit and sing" and attend miscellaneous enterreal calls to service and are standing back of the whole program of the church. The reports reveal that where real leaders have been selected as officers, men are doing worth-while things. Some of the reports will appear on this page next month.

Brotherhoods in England have suggested their desire to exchange "Friendship letters' with our Baptist Brotherhoods. The plan is simple and workable. Once each month a Brotherhood is exbe sent to its "correspondent" overseas. This exchange of news, methods of work, fraternal greetings, etc., will promote international friendship and goodwill. It is hoped to introduce the plan in all parts of the world. Particulars will be sent from Brotherhood headquarters on request.

It is quite the thing to "Broadcast" interesting news by radio. Operas, lectures, prize fights, football and baseball games, time, weather forecasts, etc. We suggest that it would be fine thing to "broadcast" missions at least once a month in our men's organizations. This is the plan: Secure a live-wire speaker to appear before your group and give a fifteen-minute survey of our work on world fields. The speaker would supply himself with the necessary information by reading Missions and such literature as may be obtained from The General Board of Promotion and our office. among many Brotherhoods. The English

dailies, interviewing of candidates, and esting Brotherhood news and methods.

It would be well for our Brotherhoods to investigate the foreign-language papers circulated in their communities. It is alleged that many of them contain false and misleading statements regarding prohibition and other subjects, which inflame the minds of our foreign-born citizens and cause them to show contempt and disstitutions. It is further alleged that many of these publications constantly print articles which belittle our Protestant churches and their ministry. This propaganda among people ignorant of the truth retards their advancement and makes difficult all lines of helpfulness. It must be exposed.

York City) Bible Class had the privilege of listening to Mr. John D. Rockefeller Jr., on Sunday, November 12th. His subjects was "Four Fundamentals of Good Citizenship" and he named (1) Work, (2) Thrift, (3) Respect for Authority and Law, and (4) Reverence for Family Life. The address was forceful, logical and convincwith the facts, from Brotherhood head- ing and would be helpful to all of our thoughtful men.

The Tabernacle Baptist Brotherhood of Albany, N. Y., celebrated its twentieth anniversary on November 24th. During the twenty years meetings for Bible study have been held on the Lord's Day. The group has enjoyed seasons of prosperity tainments, they are now responding to and times of depression and its history would make interesting reading. It has been active in the affairs of the church and always loyal to its leaders.

The Hollywood (Calif.) Baptist Brotherhood is enjoying a year of unusual prosperity. In addition to maintaining the usual successful activities, the men have organized a boys' club and purchased a fine moving picture projection machine for the use of the boys and girls. The work will be under the supervision of the pected to prepare an interesting letter to Brotherhood. The members conduct meetings each month in the Midnight Mission at Los Angeles. Orlando T. Palmer is the efficient President.

> The Men's Club of the Richmond Hill (N. Y.) Baptist Church has a membership of 150. These men pay membership dues of three dollars each per year. A fine program of activities is presented. Parish House is open to men on Tues-They days, Thursdays and Saturdays. support the Hunt Bible Class on Sundays and conduct a Sunday evening service once each month. The Club issues attractive printed matter. A recent pamphlet declares: "The Men's Club is the church's creation for world-wide brotherhood. Its object is the physical, intellectual, social and spiritual development of men."

"Brothering the Boy" is the slogan how.—Ed.)

weeklies, educational articles in small town Of course, this live page will contain inter- Brotherhood movement has committed itself against the liquor business for "the sake of the boy." Dr. J. L. Paton in a recent article in The Brotherhood Outlook says: "The neglect of adolescence has been the main cause of most of our social troubles, physical degeneration, industrial inefficiency, juvenile delinquency, venereal disease. It is the right and fitting treatment of adolescence which is the hope of a better future of the race.'

> Many Brotherhoods have proved their worth by showing faithfulness throughout a long period of time. Among these should be mentioned the Brotherhood of the Calvary Baptist Church, Elizabeth, N. J. A large number of young men went out from this church during the war and the Brotherhood's ministry was necessarily weakened. Dr. F. A. Smith finds his men The members of the Fifth Avenue (New determined to enlarge their ministry through the reorganization of the Brotherhood and the adoption of a challenging program. The men conduct a Bible class, assist in a local mission, stand back of the denominational advance, and loyally support the ministry of their pastor.

> > The pastor of the Rutherford, N. J. Baptist Church, conducts an "Every Man's Bible Class" in the auditorium of the High School in that village, Sunday mornings, and 300 men meet to study the Life of Christ. Rev. Lester H. Clee, the pastor and teacher, finds men deeply interested in the constructive program which he has prepared.

Two recent books are recommended for our men's study groups. "Within the Second Gate," by Dr. Charles A. Brooks, and "Intensive Powers on the Western Slopes," by Dr. Lemuel Call Barnes.

The men's organizations in the Indianapolis area, will conduct a campaign in behalf of men's work in the churches, under the auspices of the federated Baptist churches of Indianapolis, assisted by Rev. J. Foster Wilcox of the Baptist Brotherhood Federation, during the week begin-Rev. F. A. ning February fourth. Hayward, Executive Secretary, has worked out a comprehensive and attractive program.

Baptist men in Washington, D. C., participated in the School of Instruction and Methods under the auspices of the Columbia Association of the Baptist churches, held in Calvary Baptist Church, December 3-8. Members of the Brotherhoods were addressed by Rev. J. Foster Wilcox on Thursday evening.

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"PREACHING AND SERMON CONSTRUCTION"

This is an encyclopedic work by Rev. Paul B. Bull dealing with aim and method in preaching. Written essentially from the conservative position, it contains a wealth of detailed and explicit information which the inexperienced preacher may well imbibe. (The Macmillan Co., New York).

"CHRISTIANITY AND ECONOMIC PROB-LEMS"

A committee of progressive Christian leaders face their world and produce this text-book for discussion groups. (Kirby Page, editor). They consider world divisions, poverty, luxury, industry, production; and show how hopeful we may become in the light of the power of the Gospel of Christ to produce a new economic order. (Association Press, New York).

"THE PRAYER THAT TEACHES TO PRAY"

A new edition of a book by Dr. Marcus Dods that has helped many to learn to It is a devotional study of the Lord's Prayer by an eminent scholar and teacher. "Far better than all instructions and precepts about prayer is this simple model." York).

CHARMING BOOKLETS FOR LITTLE FOLK

It would be difficult to find more delightful little books for little folks than the series published by the Henry Altemus Company of Philadelphia, including among the latest Jack the Giant Killer, Peter Rabbit and Jack the Jumper, and Jack and the Bean-Stalk. The prose and verse versions are by Reginald Wright Kauffman and the dainty illustrations complete an artistic ensemble which is a part of education. Sure to please the children and the grown-ups too.

"Modern Christian Callings"

Modern Christian Callings is a book whose size does not indicate its value. The editor, E. Hershey Sneath, says it aims to acquaint the reader with the nature and opportunities of certain leading Christian Callings and the personal and educational qualifications necessary for success in them. It fulfils its aim, and is most practical and useful Each calling is dealt with by men who know-Biblical Teaching in School and Colleges by Prof. Irving Wood of Smith College, Executives for Christian Enterprises by Dwight H. Day, Missions, and Social Service by Dr. Wilretary form one of the most interesting tration. It would be difficult to find a tion.

parts of the book. The reader will understand something of the problems and delicate situations with which these secretaries have to do, and will have more charity for them. (The Macmillan Co.; 75 cents

BISHOP JAMES BASHFORD

A fine piece of portraiture is the biography of Bishop James Bashford written by President George R. Grose of Depauw University. It is an interpretation of a life and character full of charm. Bishop Bashford was a preacher of rare oratorical quality, with sound scholarship and thorough study back of his speaking, and a personality of magnetic charm. His thorough preparation both as preacherpastor and president of Ohio Wesleyan University fitted him for the bishopric in 1904, and the great work he did in China, where he rounded out his influential and eminent career. The biographer is in love with his subject, but has allowed the life to tell its own story with simplicity and good taste. Bishop Bashford belonged to the line of strong men who have done much for the progress of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for the wider (George H. Doran Co., New interests of the church universal as well in America and foreign lands. (Methodist Book Concern, New York; \$2).

Books Received

The Story of Young Abraham Lincoln, by Wayne Whipple, and Grace Harlowe Flower (Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia;

The Glory of His Robe, by Edward John Stobo (George H. Doran Co.; \$1.50).

The Foreign Mission Board at Northfield

BY C. STARR BARKER

Russia again faces starvation. harvest of 1922 has been no larger than that of 1921 and by January people will be dying in multitudes from lack of food. This is the situation in Russia as outlined by Dr. Rushbrooke in his report to the Foreign Mission Board at the meeting in Northfield, November 13-15, one of the most important meetings the Board ever The Woman's Society was also meeting at Northfield and several joint sessions were held for the consideration of problems of joint interest.

It is an established custom for the Board a Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of at its November meetings to give special consideration to the larger phases of its liam Bailey, formerly of Yale. The duties work, its financial problems, mission polthat fall to an executive mission board sec- icies, and questions affecting administra- throughout the churches of the denomina-

place more ideally located for a meeting of this character than Northfield. This delightful spot, made memorable by the life and work of Dwight L. Moody, affords a quiet retreat, away from the busy stream of life and free from interruptions. This pure air high up in the hills is conducive to clear thinking and the scenery of the surrounding country makes one ever conscious of the nearness and presence of Him in whose name the great missionary enterprise is maintained and for whom the missionaries are to day laboring in all parts of the world.

Changing political and economic conditions throughout all our mission fields together with our own financial situation made the meeting this year of special significance. One of the important committees which reported was that on Foreign Mission Policies, under the chairmanship of Dr. Cary W. Chamberlin. An entire session was given up to a discussion of the financial situation and the report of the Treasurer. Dr. Aitchison was present and brought a most helpful, inspiring message, assuring the prayerful support of the denomination to its foreign mission

Among other special features of the two days' session were the official reports of Foreign Secretary Robbins on his nine months' visitation of our British India missions and Dr. F. E. Taylor, President of the Northern Baptist Convention, who with Dr. Carter Helm Jones, made an evangelistic preaching tour of Czechoslovakia last summer. Dr. Robbin's report has been published in full in book form under the title "Following the Pioneers." the first copies of which arrived at Northfield during the meeting of the Board. Dr. Taylor speaking on "The Challenge of Czechoslovakia," said that the memories in the Great North Woods, by Jessie Graham of the weeks spent in that country last summer would remain with him throughout his life. There is grave danger of seeing a great harvest of souls without means of adequately caring for them. Czechoslovakia also presents the challenge of a people rich in religious experience but desperately poor in gifts of this world.

Tuesday afternoon, when four candidates were appointed to service on the foreign field, in the minds of many was the most impressive and consecrated session of the meeting. The new missionaries appointed were Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gainfort and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ostergren. The members of the Board and others who listened to the testimonies of these young people were deeply moved at the evidence of God's presence and leading so clearly manifested in their lives and in their call to missionary service. At the afternoon session of the following day, Rev. W. A. Hill, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Education, outlined in an enthusiastic and clear manner the work being done by his department to promote missionary study and missionary education



Missionary Education Goals

A folder which came to our desk recently shows how the Department of Missionary Education of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention has carried its Educational Goals down through the State to the Association. We quote in part:

'A group of Baptist leaders desirous of developing missionary churches in Rhode Island met at Baptist headquarters October 19, 1922, and in conference with the Department of Missionary Education of the Northern Baptist Convention blocked out a program of missionary education for our State.

"Believing that our Convention should set before the churches a definite task in the field of missionary education, the

Every Sunday school receiving regular Missionary Instruction (80 out of about 100 reported this last year).

2,000 Readers of Five Books each in the National Reading Contest (last year 1,219 were reported).

2,500 subscriptions to Missions (last year 1,846 were reported).

There are a number of other States which have determined Missionary Education Goals. We strongly commend this plan as one promising large results, and will be glad to enter into correspondence with any state leaders desiring assistance.

NORMAL TRAINING CLASS IN MISSION STUDY FOR NEGRO WOMEN

In the spring of 1922, a study class for leaders present agreed upon the following Negro women was formed in Pasadena by 4. goals for the current denominational year: Mrs. Eva Overr Solomon, Corresponding

Association	Reading Courses	Mission Study Classes	Schools of Missions	Graded Missionary Stories
Warren	165	35	8	33
Providence	160	30	7	25
Roger Williams	75	15	4	26
Narragansett	50	10	2	26
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Total for State	450	90	21	110

books and where to secure them; also the their people, took the study of "The names of members of the State Depart- Kingdom and the Nations." Their teacher committee members with whom correspondence should be conducted.

As the next step toward the achievement of these goals, strong pressure was brought to bear upon the churches to send delegates to a Mission Study Institute which was held in Providence, November 14. Classes for the leaders of adult, young people's and children's groups were held. This was an Interdenominational gathering but out of an attendance of 206, there were 121 registrations from 36 Baptist churches. This will prove of great service to such leaders as were unable to attend a Summer School of Missions.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Missionary Education Goals for 1922-23 in Southern California are fixed by the Convention, thus:

35 Church Schools of Missions (last year there were 24).

300 Mission Study Classes, including classes in the Schools of Missions (208 were reported last year).

This is followed by a brief explanation Secretary of the Negro Women's Home and of terms, the correlation of the State De- Foreign Mission Convention. Eight wopartment with the Department of Mission- men from the two Negro Baptist churches ment and the names and addresses of the was Miss Mary A. Greene, State Missionary Education Secretary and State Secretary-Director for Southern California of the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies. It was a most enthusiastic This is a feature of every Sunday's session. class. Fine work was done, as judged by the highest standard. As a result, several conducted by the normally trained members of this class in the Negro churches of Los Angeles and vicinity.

At the annual meeting in August, at Riverside, of the Northern Association of Negro Baptist Churches, an entire evening session was devoted to the subject of Missionary Education. Fifteen women, from these study classes, presented the needs of the various countries of the Orient and told what this study meant to them. They showed a fresh and clear grasp of the problems and the way that Christian missions are meeting the needs. The pastors pres-Department of Education of the State ent became very enthusiastic. This was pioneer work, it being the first training class of the kind reported among our Negro churches. It has given a wider outlook and a fresh point of view to the 5. entire Baptist constituency in Southern California.

SUGGESTIONS FOR ASSEMBLY PERIOD IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

This will depend upon the night chosen for the work. If it is a regular prayermeeting evening, a period of prayer will follow the class study. The pastor may wisely dovetail his service into the study class theme. The following suggestions may be of value.

- 1. Talk on the spiritual values in missionary service.
- 2. Use of the prayer calendar.
- 3. Use of the missionary hymns of the
- Call for two-minute reports from representatives of each mission study class.
- Special intercession for those looking forward to Christian service.

The following suggestions may be found helpful if the school is held on a week-day.

- I. Ten-minute "surprise" program given before assembled school each night.
- 2. A dramatic sketch.
- 3. An exhibition of missionary curios; an interesting story told with the exhibit
- Two-minute reports from the classes.
- Ten-minute stereopticon pictures.
- 6. Special prayer for the fields studied. If Sunday evening is used (and this has

proved to be a very popular time), the preaching service may be changed into a continuation of the school with appropriate lectures illustrated by stereopticon, or with a returned missionary speaker, or some specially prepared missionary address.

One of the oldest, largest and most successful Schools of Missions is in the First Baptist Church of Redlands, California. They have a large wall map of Asia, with ary Education, the list of mission study of Pasadena, all of them leaders among an electrically lighted cross above it. Golden chains extend from the cross to each one of the Baptist Mission Stations. When the whole schools stands and begins the hymn, "O Zion, Haste, thy Mission High Fulfilling," the lights flash out on the cross and remain during the singing.

> Another successful device is to have a large map of the United States with Bapmission study classes for women have been tist Mission Stations marked by tiny electric bulbs so attached that different colored lights may be flashed on the various

> > SUGGESTIONS FOR CLOSING NIGHT OF THE SCHOOL

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- 1. A resumé of the findings of the classes in their study of the subject.
- A public debate on some topic in the study book.
- Exhibition of hand-work. In addition to hand-work prepared by the children, this might include White Cross work with short talks telling where it is to be sent and some of the needs it will fill.
- An address by a missionary, or a stereopticon lecture on the subject studied.
- A pageant in which different classes present some part or episode.
- 6. Life decision meeting.

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AN INTERESTING TESTIMONY

Mrs. J. D. Rough, Director of the Woman's Campaign of Connecticut, commenting on the fact that Connecticut was the only state to go over the top in the Woman's Continuation Campaign, emphatically added that the churches which had mission study courses did better work and gave larger sums than churches having no missionary education. After an examination of the reports it became apparent that the study of missions in the local churches was largely responsible for the success of the Continuation Campaign.

PRIMARY STORIES

Last year the charts for the Foreign Mission period in the Sunday schools in-cluded a beautiful print of "The Hope of the World," by Harold Copping. Probably a good many churches have still a copy. The Missionary Education Movement has reprinted some especially good primary stories which can be used with this picture. The series is printed in booklet form under the title "They Love Him Too," and can be secured from the nearest Literature Bureau for ten cents each.

"What Hath God Wrought"

A very attractive report of our Baptist work in Burma under the title "What Hath God Wrought," and printed by the American Baptist Mission Press in Rangoon, is available and will be especially helpful for teachers of study classes on India who wish to show the progress of Baptist missions in Burma. The latest figures give 4,783 as the number added by baptism during the lected theme. year, bringing up the total church membership to 73,653. The Sunday school enrolment has reached 22,074, while the Christian Endeavor Societies report a membership of 8,061 and the Mission schools an enrolment of 29,739 pupils, but the messages of the missionaries in these pages tell of victory beyond all that bare statistics can reveal. The price of the Report is ten cents.

STEWARDSHIP STUDY BOOKS

After a careful and exhaustive examination of the literature on stewardship, two use in study classes. The Committee on Stewardship of the General Board of Promotion of the Department of Missionary Education unite in recommending these The Department of Missionary Education therefore desires to urge upon every church which is planning for a series of mission study classes or a Church School of Missions, that a class in stewardship be

These books are both new and are herewith briefly described: "You and Yours," by Guy L. Morrill, is a book of two hundred pages, sells for sixty cents, and is arranged in the form of five studies with sub-topics for each study, suitably arranged for daily use. The book is rich in valuable excerpt materialdrawnfromawide "Adventures in Stewardship"—Cushman and Bellinger "American Tithers"—Sayler

field of reading. The author has assembled the kind of material which pastors and teachers will wish to use in public addresses and in the classroom. The author meets squarely the larger issues involved in the study of this important subject. We believe that no book which has yet appeared so thoroughly and effectively presents the whole subject of stewardship. The Chapter Study headings are: "The Sacramental Auburndale, Massachusetts Aspects of Property"; "Civilization Must Be Born Again"; "Doing Business for God"; "The True Riches"; "Stewardship class, six have agreed to the Answer."

The other book recommended for study class purposes is "The Spirit of Service," handacap. by Julia Tolman Lee. This is a book of Ann Arbor, Michigan sixty pages and sells for thirty-five cents. series of nine or ten questions for discusin men's and women's study and discussion groups. We believe that this book pastors, teachers and leaders. The chapter headings are as follows: "Christian ing. Stewardship"; "The Law of Service"; Very "The Witness of the Past"; "Christ's Spirit of Service in the World Today"; "Our Attitude Toward Money"; "Systematic Saving"; "Prayer."

These two books, the first containing an abundance of teaching material, and the second, an analysis or outline for discussion, both in the hands of the teacher, we believe constitute an unusual furnishment for the study of this great but neg-

THE STEWARDSHIP LIBRARY

A new library of sixteen volumes on Stewardship has been added to the revised Model Missionary Libraries prepared by the Department of Missionary Education. This library has been selected after counsel with leaders in our own and other denominations and after a study of the literature materials already in We commend this library to print. the consideration of pastors, teachers, churches, Sunday schools, reading and books have been selected for text-book study groups. The library is classified and consists of the following titles:

STUDY BOOKS

- "You and Yours"—Morrill
 "The Spirit of Service"—Lee
 "The New Christian"—Cushman
 "Stewardship and Missions"—Cook
 "Money the Acid Test"—McConaughey

STORY BOOKS

"The Victory of Mary Christopher"—C
"The Centenary at Old First"—Calkins
"Ganga Dass"—Calkins -Calkins

STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

- "A Man and His Money"—Calkins
 "Stewardship Starting Points"—Calkins
 "Stewardship and Life"—Agar
 "The Withered Fig Tree"—Poteat
 "Enduring Investments"—Babson
 "The Larger Stewardship"—Cook

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

First Church, Des Moines, Iowa

"We have a class of seventy-five young matrons who are being divided into groups. Several of the groups are taking mission study for their work. It is our thought to get leaders from these groups for our School of Missions to be held later."

"Our School of Missions is interesting some new ones. This week in the men's class, six have agreed to give five or eight-minute assigned talks on India's handicap."

"You may be interested to know that It is arranged in the form of seven lessons our Home Mission Study Class composed on Christian Stewardship for class and dis- of students, now studying "The Trend cussion groups. Each chapter presents a of the Races," is being taught by Rev. R. M. Gilbert, pastor of the Second Bapsion. Thus it is adapted for general study tist Church, Ann Arbor-a Negro church purposes and will be found of special value and pastor. Mr. Gilbert is filling the bill all right, is well informed, gets a thorough mastery of the chapter also, and presents will be of great service as a handbook to it in an attractive lecture method, using a simple conversational manner in speak-

Vermont

"We feel that the churches are making some progress along missionary education lines. At present we have five Schools of Missions in progress and four others are planned for the first of the year. These have definitely reported; there may be others not reported. Then a number of other churches have study classes. Missionary reading courses are also being entered into heartily. We have never had so many orders for missionary literature of all kinds."

Southern California

"Four churches that did not have a School of Missions last year have already either begun or are making plans for a School. The churches that have had successful schools for several years are many of them under way, with more classes and a larger enrolment than last year. Sunday evening seems to be the popular time, and in some churches the evening service is a continuation of the school, with appropriate lectures, either illustrated by stereopticon or with a returned missionary speaker, or some specially prepared missionary address."

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MISSIONARIES

Mission study classes using books on India and the Negro will be glad to know that photographs of many of our Baptist missionaries are in the New York offices.

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News and Notes from the Missionary Societies

THE HELPING HAND Edited by Helen Barrett Montgomery

The New Year

I see not a step before me as I tread on another year;

But I've left the past in God's keepingthe Future His mercy shall clear; And what looks dark in the distance may

brighten as I draw near.

-Mary Gardiner Brainerd.

It was the same poet who said, with own?' noble faith, "I would rather walk with God in the dark than go alone in the light." In this spirit let us enter the New Year.

A Word About Budgets

BY HELEN B. MONTGOMERY

"I just hate all this talk about budgets," said Mrs. Tapley. "Why it's just budget, budget! There is our church budget, and the budget of the City Mission Society, and the State Convention, and the Foreign Mission Society, and all the rest of 'em; and now we are all fed up on the denominational budget of \$10,000,000. we just want to give to?"
"I don't wonder you feel impatient," re-

plied her friend, Mrs. Strong, as she continued to fold and put into envelopes which Mrs. Tapley was addressing, the programs of the Mission Society. "I often feel impatient myself, but after all, we have to have them.

Mrs. Tapley, a trifle tartly.

"Well, you ask your husband how long his big factory would be running and paying dividends without a careful annual gifts for?" said the startled Mrs. Tapley. budget."

plied Mrs. Tapley.

business and church affairs? I tell you, deal more like a business, and less like Society.' a joke," said Mrs. Strong.

"Well, you must admit that our work was a good deal more interesting when we gave to special objects."

Meeting and the items inside our budget are just as fascinating as those outside."

"What do you mean by 'inside the Mrs. Tapley. budget?'"

"They are

National Finance Committee, such as and all our girls' schools in Bengal-Orissa and its actual needs planned for. Why, Schools, Hospitals, Evangelistic Work, some real work in Home Economics in

make out your family budget-so much for budget are the things we have to have or go deeper in debt."

interesting," said Mrs. Tapley, shaking Mrs. Tapley. her pretty head.

and took out her note book. "Let me read some of the items I took down in Board meeting the other day," she said. "You are often wishing that you could support a missionary."

"O, don't I wish I could have my very

"Well," continued Mrs. Strong, "perhaps you can't do that, but for every \$2.20 sent out by our circle to the State Office as the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society's share in our gifts, we support for one day a missionary in any country we choose, except Japan, where it takes \$2.60 for a day's work."

"Why, Mary Strong, how thrilling! asked Mrs. Tapley. Our Society must contribute a good many such days. I wonder if we really do con- cents," said Mrs. Strong, after a rapid tribute the equivalent of a month of salaries calculation. here and there. Wouldn't it be fun to select thirty missionaries and then take their thirty birthdays and pray for each of them Why can't they tell us a few things that on her birthday? I already have a prowe just want to give to?"

on her birthday? I already have a proprietary interest. You know I give a dollar a week in my duplex envelope, that would give me personally a right each year to a day of a missionary's time on the six I could get every one to see the point as per cent of my offering which goes to the easily as you do," she said. "We must Woman's Foreign Society."

"Not all can give as generously as you do, Lydia," said Mrs. Strong, but when "Why do we, I'd like to know?" said you come to put together all that our three hundred women are giving, and all that the men are giving"-

"What are you counting in the men's

"Because they all give to our women's "O, well, that's a business concern," re- work, just as we give to the general work. But as I was saying, put all the offering "Don't you think the same laws govern of our church together and we can cover a lot that is in our budget, without exceed-

> "Such as what?" answered her friend. "Well, we could take \$3.04 to carry all the running expenses of the four Union Colleges in which we are cooperating, for Congo for a day, for \$7.81."

"They are within the budget," insisted

Lydia, I am ashamed of you! Surely you Mothercraft Schools, etc., in East China. With all that we women give we could even rent, and food, and clothes. Inside the add \$83.08 and carry all our work in Burma for a day."

"What does our church give for the "Just the same, I don't think they are New World Movement, all told?" said

"Well, we have a big church. You know Mrs. Strong walked over to her desk our pledges were \$190,000. That means nearly \$40,000 a year. Six per cent of that would be \$2,400," said Mrs. Strong.

"Why, we haven't used up more than two hundred, have we? This grows most interesting. What else can we put in the budget?"

'Well, \$1,376.24 takes care of all the missionaries and all their work-in fact, everything for the National Society-for an entire day. If we could multiply \$1,376.24 by 365, the Society would have its whole budget for the whole year. Our offering in our church would allow for about two days.'

"What is each hour of the day worth?"

"Fifty-seven dollars and thirty-four

"Why, most any church could give that," said Mrs. Tapley, clapping her hands, "at least any church that gives \$3,000 a year. Why, you would only need 8,760 such churches to get the whole thing. O, I just love budgets!"

Mrs. Strong looked very sober. "I wish go out to get the whole budget, for every Ten thousand specifics or designated gifts won't help us. We will go deeper in debt if we don't get these things we promised to care for when we made our budget. Cake is good and tasty, but what we must have is bread. That's the budget.',

HANGCHOW UNION GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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The Union Girls' High School opened on September 15th. A larger number of new pupils than ever before registered and we need to treat the Lord's work a good ing the proportionate share due the took the entrance examinations. The school is filled to its capacity. The total enrollment is between 350 and 360. We have several new teachers, both Chinese and foreign. Miss Speiden from Huchow has come to take the place of Miss Lyon "No, that's what I won't admit. I've one day. We could take care of every for this year. Miss Webster arrived from just been down to our District Board living bit of work we are doing on the America last Saturday to do stenographic work and she will also teach piano and "Those are splendid objects," breathed singing. She is a graduate of Fargo College Conservatory of Music. She and Miss McCulloch between them will handle the "Those are the things that we planned Mrs. Strong. Then think that \$10.25 music department and fill the vacancy for when we sent our needs in to the would take care of the Sinclair Orphanage left by Miss Graham's departure on furlough. Miss Anne Ruth Harris is teaching salaries, passages, rent, teachers, hospi- for a whole day; or \$13.04 would carry our English and American History one hour tals, Bible women, etc. Every one of the entire West China work for a day; or a day. Miss Mary Millican is beginning ten fields was duly and justly considered \$32.92 would do the same for all our Bible her first year in the school and is starting

after two years at home, most of which lege, New York City.—From the Hangchow Community News.

"GLIMPSES INTO EAST CHINA"

This is an attractive booklet printed in China, descriptive of our missions in East China. There are a few of these booklets left, which may be obtained for three cents, the expense of mailing, from the Literature Bureaus of the General Board of Promotion, 276 Fifth Avenue, New York City, 700 Ford Building, Boston, 125 No. Wahash Avenue, Chicago, 504 Columbia Building, Los Angeles, Cal. Please order from your nearest bureau.

TIDINGS

EDITED BY CONSTANCE JACKSON

AFTER CHRISTMAS-WHAT?

The last of the Christmas basket was boiling in the big pot on the stove, filling the bare little room with its savory smell. The mother pointed to it with a smile. "Nice beeg basket-coma da Christmas. Now justa one gooda meal-then all time hurt"-putting her hand on her body with a gesture whose realism left little to the imagination.

It is the miracle of Christmas time. For then at least the hearts of men are warm to each others' needs. Then everyone low hills is the town of Weirton. Its wants to be a "good fellow," help to "keep the pot boiling," take a dinner to some of steel and tin-plate, and most of its men poor family, or carry a Christmas tree to and young people are employed in the little needy children. And in pinched there longing expectations center about heard day and night without a minute's Christmas and what it may bring.

But after Christmas-what? The winds that blow are just as cold. The pangs of hunger gnaw quite as insistently and misfortune brings the same toll of sickness and sorrow. And the Babe of Bethlehem. if he has found a home in a human heart, yearns to express himself in the kindliness that lasts long after Christmas is forgotten. How can the follower of Christ express this goodwill all through the year? He can carry it into the New Year, for one thing, a quickened sympathy.

"He's out of work"-a common phrase. Yet who stops to visualize the meaning of those words. Mealtime comes three times a day just as it did before. Shoes are quite as necessary as books for an education. Are we quick to sense another's need or do we wait until necessity Home Mission Society; and a third in the He begged her to tell her story at the has forced it upon our dulled sensesperhaps too late?

Many of our missionaries are glad to chief address. receive garments which can be given to

the Junior and Senior classes. Miss Rawl- those who they know are in need. Coats gymnasium with showers for men and ings is back in her position as Director which we have kept to "wear now and women, a club room for men and a laundry of the Kindergarten Normal Department then" might make some man or woman for the women, the remainder of the work or little girl feel comfortable and respecttime was spent in study at Teachers' Col- able every day. Those bits of material The gymnasium is the only large assembly which have been stored away because room in Weirton and will meet a great 'sometime they may come in handy," would be handy indeed this winter for types. somebody else-our brother. These garments must be clean and whole for missionaries have neither time nor facilities in Detroit, as head worker for women and for repairing old clothes.

One of our missionaries is constantly the old, old lady in a dark dingy room. large service to the whole community. No relatives, and only a small income. Sometimes it is a warm pair of slippers she needs, sometimes some medicine or a bit of a delicacy to eat.

"Does your man work?" asked one worker at the door of a Polish home, and the eyes of the stranger women filled with tears as she said, "No work-many month." How much a little practical coal to tide over, or an order of food-they can do wonders in winning the heart of what it means to be Christ-like. Why wouldn't a church find it a excellent thing to start a little fund for "Christmas cheer all through the year," and back this fund with a spirit of sympathy that shall bring us a greater realization that all men are brothers because one is our Master-even Christ.

THE DEDICATION OF A NEW CENTER

Located in the northeastern part of West Virginia in a narrow valley between principal industries are the manufacture mills. They work on a twenty-four-hour pause.

The needs of this field were called to the attention of the two Home Mission Societies some time ago, and recently they, together with the State Convention and the local Baptists, purchased some buildings in the territory. The Weir Brothers very kindly helped out by the donation of a generous piece of property. On Sunday, November 5, the first unit of the new Christian Community Center was dedicated. The services consisted of three meetings, one, in the morning, at which Mrs. George W. Coleman and Mrs. Katherine S. Westfall, representatives of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, were the principal speakers; a second, in the afternoon, at which Rev. Alonzo Ray Petty spoke, representing the evening at which Dr. A. S. Kelly, State Secretary of West Virginia, made the

being carried on in the other buildings. need for community meetings of various Missionaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society on this field are Miss Alma E. Kurtz, for a number of years girls; and Miss Amy Johnson, as kindergartner. The group of buildings adjoins using extra bits of money which come to the Baptist church and through the variher to lighten the lives of others. There's ous activities there is opportunity for a

ITALY IN AMERICA

These pictures (frontispiece, page 2) show what fine, wide-awake little citizens are being trained on our Italian field in Philadelphia. Each Sunday 280 boys and girls turn out for Sunday school and the mothers say that nothing in the world can keep them away. No matter what may be friendship could do in that home. A little their ages there is always something going on to interest them. The dispensary, kindergarten, industrial school, gymnaa neighbor who senses in this kind act sium, two scout troops, home making courses, the library, and a Tuesday night Bible school have served to attract children within a radius of ten blocks. Each week the building averages an attendance of over 1,200, and at the last count there were 131 volunteers actively engaged in the work. Miss Ethel Downsbrough is in charge of this field for the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

From Out the Past

Here is an interesting story in connection with the early history of Mather School. Shortly after the school was deeded over to the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society came the terrible cyclone homes where the cold winds of misfortune schedule with three shifts of eight hours of August 27, 1893. The Sea Islands of have stiffened bodies and hearts alike—each, and the noise of the industry can be Port Royal (on which Beaufort is located), St. Helena, Paris, Lady's Island and the main land from Georgetown to Savannah felt the force of the storm. Over a thousand men, women and children perished, 20,000 barely escaped with their lives, while 70,000 on the islands lost their crops.

Mrs. Rachel Crane Mather, the founder of the school, was North at the time, but as soon as possible she hastened South. During that nerve-racking winter an average of 200 people a day came to the school for aid. Northern friends sent supplies and money until the crops of 1894 were harvested. Those who have heard Mrs. Mather tell of the time when her funds were exhausted, and she could no longer bear the cries of starving women and little children, will never forget the story.

After a night spent in prayer she went by boat to New York to see Peter Cooper. Plymouth Church prayer-meeting in Brooklyn. Mr. Beecher was away from home, but she went to the meeting and The new building consists of a large heard him speak from the text, "Feed my

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longer, pass around the baskets quickly, gentlemen." A voice near the door said, 'Do you know the speaker, Mr. Beecher?" He replied, "I do not know her or her name; I never heard of her mission; I only know she is the Lord's woman, doing the Lord's work." A personal friend of Mrs. Mather's who happened to be in the tion of Woman's Boards of Foreign Misaudience indorsed her and her appeal. Then Mr. Beecher said, "Now pass the baskets again." And so funds were collected which were converted into a cargo of corn, to last unto the harvest.

A "Composition"

The following quaint "composition" is the work of an Italian man in one of our mission English classes in New York City. Certainly he has mastered the rudiments of vocabulary and style in fine form.

"I am entering my second year in this immense cosmopolitan metropolis of New York. I was called from love of my sons who have found a second country and their comfort. Therefore I am grateful to this new land where industry prospers to the highest degree, and machinery has made marvelous progress. Here the genius of our foreigners has found very fruitful ground for its moral and material unfolding. They enjoy the benefits of very obliging hospitality. In this brief period I have admired the noble courtesy which has been received by my illustrious people, in honor of the blood shed on honor's field for the triumph of right and the civilization of peoples. This common purpose will strengthen forever the brotherhood between Italy and America. I wish to meet in every American the same gentility which I have admired in our teacher."

How many of us could do as well with the intricacies of Italian after a year in Rome or Naples?

Interdenominational Day of Prayer

The Interdenominational Day of Prayer will be observed on February 16th, 1923. It is very important that all Baptists throughout the Northern Baptist Convention hold this one day for a service of prayer and praise. Where there is a Women's Church and Missionary Federation or an Interdenominational Committee, it should be responsible for calling the women of all denominations together for this Day of Prayer. In cities or towns where there are no such committees, we suggest that the Baptist women take the initiative of calling the women of the various denominations together. If this cannot be accomplished, we urge that the Baptist women be assembled. The hours suggested for the service of prayer and praise are 10 A. M.-12.30 P. M.; 2-4.30 P. M.

sent the needs of their fields, for which special prayer should then be made.

Printed programs "The Light of the World" have been prepared by the Federa-Women for Home Missions, and may be secured now at any of the Literature Bur-(276 Fifth Avenue, New York City; 125 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago; Ford Building, Boston; 504 Columbia Building, Los Angeles); at 2c. each or at \$1.50 per hundred. These programs consist of songs, Scripture readings and prayers.

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FROM THE FAR LANDS

VICEROY'S APPRECIATION OF DR. HAR-PER'S SERVICES

(From Rangoon Gazette of Oct. 16, 1922)

Semi-official letter No. 2117, dated the 22nd September, 1922, from Captain P. W. Heanly, Private Secretary to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor to Dr. Robert Harper, M.D., American Baptist Mission, Namkham, Northern Shan States.

"I am directed to say that His Excellency the Viceroy has forwarded a cheque value Rs. 750 to His Honour requesting that it be handed over to you with the message that this is in token of His Excellency's keen appreciation of the valuable services which you rendered in connection with the attack on the Muse and in the hope that the donation will cover the regrettable losses suffered by the American Baptist Mission at Muse at the hand of marauders."

RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF JUDSON COL-LEGE

At Judson College the attendance this year has increased 41 per cent. Almost 200 students are now enrolled in this Christian College, the only one in all Burmaincluding 75 Karens, 85 Burmans, 33 Indians and 17 Europeans. The new students represent 28 Burma high schools, whereas ten years ago only 10 high schools were represented. Now there are 48 women students. The religious atmosphere

sheep, feed my lambs." Then he threw gest that at least one of these periods be "is still mainly that of training Christians open the meeting. Mrs. Mather seized her used. It is also suggested that there be for more effective service, for the student opportunity and begged for food for the one leader for the entire meeting, and body is 69 per cent Christian. But that starving people of Beaufort. Mr. Beecher sub-leaders for various sections of the leaves a non-Christian percentage of 15 stopped her and said, "I cannot bear this program, if desired. If more than one per cent Buddhist, 10 per cent Hindu and session, there may be one leader for each 6 per cent Mohammedan, Baha, Sikh, session, and that missionaries who may Confucianist and Iew. These give the be available be given a brief time to pre- college a very definite task. It is our purpose to present to these men and women the message of Christ in word and deed and in the spirit of the whole college life. Perhaps the most promising phase of all consists in the advisor group-each memsions of North America and Council of ber of the faculty being responsible for a group of 15 or 20 students with whom he tries to establish friendly personal relaeaus of the General Board of Promotion tions. At least two students ostensibly Buddhists are known to be living a practical Christian life. A group of Buddhist students is also voluntarily meeting once a week with one of the missionaries. It is safe to say that the general attitude of non-Christian students has never been Woman's American Baptist Home more sympathetic and open-minded."

WITH THE STUDENTS IN ILOILO

Rev. H. W. Munger has spent the last three months mainly at work in connection with the schools in the Iloilo district of the Philippines. He says: "They are the most effective means of bringing my influence to bear upon the student class and form the point of contact that is necessary to reach this important class of the population. In connection with my schools, Sunday schools and preaching services are conducted and Christian Endeavor Societies are organized which are well attended. Through the daily study of the Bible many of the students are becoming deeply interested in religious things. A nunber have asked for baptism and I confidently look for many conversions this year. We plan to conduct special evangelistic meetings for students in Pototan and Dumangas and other places."

THIRTY-THREE MILLION GODS

"Though there are thirty-three millions of gods in India," writes one of the missionaries who has recently been on tour, "the people are without the knowledge and fellowship of the true God which is life eternal. I wish in some way the people at home could feel the burden of the sins of the world and of its spiritual needs on their hearts to such a degree, and would feel such a desire to bring Christ to those who are without hope and without God in this world, that the necessary money for the maintenance of our workers and the sending out of the needed reinforcements of men and women would be forthcoming. This is not a time for retrenchment but for advance. The world needs Christ and at all costs we must give Christ to the world. I want to ask you to pray especially that all of us missionaries and Indian workers may feel in a new way the burden of the sins of of the college continues to be dominantly those about us and the constraining love fo 7.30-9.30 P. M. Where it is not advisable Christian. "The religious task of the Christ to save them from sin to a life of to give a whole day to the service, we sug- college," writes one of the missionaries, righteousness and fellowship with Christ."

Visit of Commissioner Rushbrooke BY WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD

Before this issue of Missions reaches its readers, our Baptist Commissioner for Europe, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, will have returned to England. He arrived in America early in October and sailed for London on Saturday, November 25. During these weeks he covered an extensive itinerary, filled with speaking appointments at state conventions, ministers' conferences, church services and other important meetings. His time was shared with Southern and Canadian Baptists as well as with Northern, since he represents not only our Foreign Mission Society but also the Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist and Canadian Baptist Conventions. Everywhere he was given a most cordial reception. His clear analysis of conditions in Europe and his outline of the problems and the steps that had been taken or were being taken under his direction toward their solution, demonstrated conclusively that he was the right man for the important task committed to him.

Dr. Rushbrooke made many friends while in America. In his delightful way he made our people realize more clearly than before the strategic importance of helping the Baptist cause in Europe during these days of readjustment and reconstruction. His presence also helped to focus the attention of our people toward the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance at Stockholm in July next. It is safe to presume that many of the delegates who will attend that meeting received from Dr. Rushbrooke the first suggestion that

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Dr. Rushbrooke the first suggestion that led them to consider making the journey. At the meeting of the Foreign Mission Board at Northfield, November 14, Dr. Rushbrooke gave an extended report of his work in Europe during the past two years. He called particular attention to years. He called particular attention to the progress of Baptists in the various countries. It was a most inspiring report and yet in many respects also disheartening because of his description of the pitiful condition in Russia. At the close of his address and after it had been given extended consideration, the Board unanimously adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, Rev. J. H. Rushbrooke, D.D., has completed two years of service as Baptist Commissioner for Europe, representing the Baptists of Great Britain and Canada, and of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Northern Baptist Convention in the United States; therefore be it

Resolved: That the Board of Managers the tireless industry, the patient devotion and the statesmanlike ability with which Commissioner Rushbrooke has administered the delicate and difficult tasks committed to his trust. The Board congratulates him upon the signal success which

brooke has so won the confidence of the four constituencies as to choir the quartette into a symphony of cooperation.

All who met him during these busy weeks in America were glad to welcome him to the United States, were sorry to see him leave, and they unite in expressing the hope that he will soon come again.

HIGHER POSTAGE TO SHANGHAI

After November 30 postage to Shanghai, China, will be at the foreign rate instead of at the domestic rate, as heretofore. All persons sending mail to Shanghai should therefore make certain that the proper postage is affixed, otherwise the missionaries will have to pay double the deficiency. That means, five cents per ounce, letter postage, instead of two.

Foreign Missionary Record

SAILED

From Vancouver, November 2, on the Empress of Russia, Rev. and Mrs. S. D. Bawden for South India.

From New York City, November 4, on the President Fillmore, Rev. E. O. Schugren for South India.

From New York City, November 4, on the Caronia, Rev. and Mrs. John Newcomb for South India.
From New York City, November 7, on the Mauretania, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder and Rev. A. C. Phelps for Burma and Miss Frances Tengate for South India.

ARRIVED

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Nugent of Vanga, Belgian Congo, in New York City, November 9, 1922.
Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Zwick and two children of Hopo, South China, in Vancouver, November 17, 1922.

Rev. A. H. Page of Swatow, South China, and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Beath of Kaying, South China, in Vancouver, November 20, 1922.

FROM THE HOME LAND

EVANGELISM IN CUBA

Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Peters sailed from sion was most pleasant. New York on November 3rd to enter upon a six months' evangelistic campaign with the churches of Cuba. It is just twentyfive years ago this fall that they sailed for South America to begin their missionary life in Peru. At a later period they served as missionaries of our Home Mission Society in Cuba. Now after a long pastorate of the American Baptist Foreign Mission in New Jersey Mr. Peters hears the call to field. The Baptist missionaries and pastors have united in inviting him to give Friends' Mission in Cuba. Mrs. Peters pathetic leadership, Commissioner Rush- the generosity of certain of their friends.

THE CAREY MISSION CENTENNIAL

The Carey Mission Centennial was cele-. brated Oct. 19-22, at Niles, Michigan. This city was founded Oct. 19, 1822, when the courageous missionary to Indians. Isaac McCoy, and his wife, Christiana, with their children and comrades, traveled by ox-team from Fort Wayne, Indiana, through the wilderness, bringing with them a mission school of Indian children. Dr. L. C. Barnes, who delivered the address at the mass meeting held in the First Baptist Church of Niles on Sunday. Oct. 22, referred to the strange fact that the story of the Carey Mission is not well known by one American in a million. The whole plot, he affirmed, covers thirty years and plays constantly back and forth between old seaboard cities, especially the capital of the country, and the outmost frontiers. Isaac McCoy, it will be recalled by those familiar with the history of Indian affairs, left the banks of the St. Joseph River in Michigan, to explore the country beyond the Mississippi. At the request of the government he took charge of expedition after expedition. He was the foremost pioneer of what is now the great state of Oklahoma and probably did more than any other of his time in advancing the plan for colonizing the natives in sections of the country to be forever theirs west of the State of Missouri. Some years ago Dr. Barnes obtained a collection of relics gathered by residents of Niles from the site of the Carey Mission, part of which has been deposited with the American Baptist Historical Society at Crozer Seminary.

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY

The school has made a good start on another year, with about 60 students. The formal reopening was a celebration of its first anniversary. Mrs. Edgar O. Silver, chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of the Seminary, was in charge. There was a reception of guests, with "open house" privileges, and a short program, including songs by the student body, the Russian Department, and a double quartet of Russians; also two violin solos by Victor Czabodi of the Hungarian Department. Refreshments were served, and the occa-

THE BIBLE MAN

Two years ago the Bible Man (his real name, Rev. E. F. McNeill), was traveling out in Colorado, west of the Great Divide. The back seat of his Ford car was packed full of Bibles, a mattress and bedding; the running board on one side held his food, Society records its hearty appreciation of engage in evangelistic work on the mission canned goods mostly, frying pans and coffee pot, and on the other running board was a large box with more Bibles, Testathis special service in our churches. In- ments, tracts and hymn books. He came vitations have also come to him from the to a house where he was known and loved and welcome to come in and eat with them assists her husband with the singing. and sleep in a real bed, a treat that he does has attended his service. By his sym- Their expenses have been provided for by not often enjoy for weeks at a time. He was also going to have a service in the

would come and was told that a boy of sixteen who lived twenty miles away was coming. A year before he had dinner in this same home and blessing was asked porting the International Baptist Semibefore they ate. When dinner was over he said, "Who was that man talking to." He had never heard a blessing before and it was all new to him. At the schoolhouse he heard the Gospel and was given a Bible and became a follower of Jesus. Mr. Mc-Neill gives away hundreds of Bibles and Testaments every year, finds scores of homes have never had one before.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF THE HOME MISSION SOCIETY-ITS PURPOSE AND SCOPE

By George R. Hovey

During the period of the New World Movement The American Baptist Home Mission Society has carried on educational work as follows: It has in large measure supported seven higher schools for the Negroes: Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.; Bishop College, Marshall, Texas; Jackson College, Jackson, Miss.; Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.; Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; Storer College, Harper's Ferry, W. Va.; Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.; and has helped to support the following eight schools: Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark.; Coleman College, Gibsland, La.; Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, St. Augustine, Fla.; Hartshorn Memorial College, Richmond, Va.; Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.; Selma University, Selma, Ala.; Spelman Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Simmons University, Louisville, Ky. The Society has also administered endowments of these schools in their behalf, and gifts of the General Education Board amounting to about \$85,000 a year.

The schools have enrolled 7,000 students of whom more than 500 are preparing for the Christian ministry; about 600 are in college departments, and 3,000 in academy or high school departments; the remainder are in special industrial and grade classes.

About 300 professions of faith are made each year by students and very few graduate without becoming members of a church.

The Society, likewise, in large measure, supports Bacone College, Bacone Oklahoma, which is perhaps the best school in the cooperating in work at this seminary. country for Indians. It has an attendance of 225, representing about 20 differ-The Society has received large for the Murrow Indian Orphans' Home, connected with the school, and has used about \$300,000 of these gifts for the erecis added to the endowment of the two institutions.

series of meetings in which, during the tian Workers Training Department of brethren, wounded for their faith.

to preach since he was there about a year faith and been baptized. The school is the missionary superintendent of the island ago. He asked about the people who developing a Department of Christian and his work. Training for the Ministry and other forms of religious work.

> nary at East Orange, New Jersey, which combines various foreign-speaking ministers' training schools which had grown up in different parts of the country. The Seminary has departments now for the training of preachers in the following groups: Russian, Slovak, Hungarian, Polish, Roumanian, and has affiliated with it an Italian department, which is supported by Colgate Theological Seminary. number of students has increased in three years from about 35 to 61.

There has been opened at Los Angeles, California, a Spanish-American Training School for ministers for the Mexican Churches in the southwestern part of our country and this school is also affiliated with the International Baptist Seminary. It has enrolled 12 students.

In Latin-America the Society is engaged in most important educational work. Mexico, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Society has been supporting a theological seminary at Saltillo, which this year enrolls 45 students. have also united with the Southern Baptists in opening this year a Boys' High School, connected with this seminary, with an enrollment of 210 students.

The Society has purchased land, with buildings, in Nicaragua, for a boys' school which it hopes to open within a year at the latest.

In Cuba the Society has a remarkably prosperous school at Cristo, the Colegios Internacionales, which has an enrollment of 250 students. Its institute, which gives a Bachelor's degree, has increased rapidly in numbers, having much more than doubled within the last three years. This department now numbers 108 students and is developing a department for the training of Cuban preachers.

In Porto Rico, our Society is sharing in a cooperating theological school located at Rio Piedras, across the street from the University of Porto Rico. The theological school is having a decided influence on the university students and is of great value to the work of the denominations throughout the island. Seven denominations are

In Haiti, by use of a specially designated gift our Society is beginning to do a work which was allocated to us several years gifts from the Indians for this school and ago. We have provided the money for the purchase of land for a school for the training of Christian workers in Jacmel; Pastor Lherisson has charge of the school tion of new buildings, while the remainder and it promises to be very helpful in providing missionary workers for that island.

In Jamaica, at the request of the British Bacone College is also deeply interested Foreign Mission Society, we are assisting in evangelistic work and has each year a in counsel and in the support of the Chris-

schoolhouse, for no one had been that way last three years, 90 students have professed Calabar College, and also in the support of

It will be seen that the demands upon us in Latin-America, including the islands, The Home Mission Society is also sup- are growing rapidly and are becoming more imperative each year.

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION

The following account of a conquest in His name is not marred for the readers because the editor allows it to be published in the quaint language of the Indian missionary, Neas-je-gar-gath (Alfred Lord), who went to Nevada from his station at Coarse Gold, California, because the mixed tribes near Reno were in sore need of his services:

"I just came home from Reno, Nevada. We held a big meeting at the Indian Camp Reno, every night, 12 days. Brother Scott, he leads the singing and I preach the gospel to the Indians every night; 57 Indians converted; 38 baptized by Brother Scott. We organize the church, 35 members. Some of them, after they converted, they go out work. Brother Scott will baptize them at any time. How I thank God that the Indians at the Indian Camp Reno accept Christ. I am so glad that we bring them to Christ. And in the church. Now the Indians they in the Jesus Road. Medicine man and gambling man. Man that drink the whisky and women that follow the dark road. Praise God that they all come to Christ, confessing their sins.

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Our hospital in Puebla for the second time has had the privilege of sheltering and curing those who had been wounded in the bloody persecution that is sporadically breaking out all over Mexico against Protestant Christians. The first case was that of the pastor of our church in Puebla and one of his members, who on an evangelizing trip were set upon by a mob and severely beaten. The second case is that of two Presbyterian brethren, members of the church in Oaxaca. As lay workers they had been holding a meeting in a private house in one of the villages of that region. The fanatical people of the town attacked the house and attempted to interrupt the meeting. They were foiled in their purpose, but the next morning when the two believers were leaving the town, they were set upon by a mob and wounded with machetes and revolvers. The one brother received a cut from a machete that laid open his cheek, and another cut in the back of his head, two slashes from a machete in one arm and a bullet wound in the other. Twenty-four hours afterward he was taken into the town of San Juan Teposcolula where the only surgeon of the place refused to attend him. He was then taken on to Puebla and received in our hospital, where it is probable that his life will be saved. We are thankful that there is an evangelical hospital in Mexico to minister to these



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"Speak a shade more kindly than the year before;

Pray a little oftener, love a little more.

Cling a little closer to the Father's love,

Then life below shall liker grow to the life above.'

With my New Year's Greeting to every one of you Worth While Girls of the World Wide Guild, is coupled the wish that we all may express in our everyday living the spirit embodied in the above lines. If we are to live nobler and better this year than last we can do no better than to appropriate God's word to Joshua, for He Southern California W. W. G. Rally is our God, too; "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, Nov. 4 dismayed; for the Lord Thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." An old Russian proverb puts it this way, "With God go over the sea; without him not over the threshold." There will be hard things to be done by all of us as individuals and as Chapters, but let's glory in the difficult task so long as we have such a loving Master to serve.

How about your pledges to the Continuation Campaign this year? It is time to speed up! We must not fail! Colorado had a Tag Day in November. The tags were \$5.00 each and some of the girls who could easily take one or several (because some of them last year pledged \$50.00) did so and helped some who could not do so much. Have you sent for the new "Might Boxes?" They are free (except that you are expected to pay the postage), and may be had by sending to the Continuation Campaign Committee, 276 Fifth Ave., New York. REMEMBER to pledge only what you can actually pay by April 30, 1923. Think of the missionaries who were kept home this last year because of the cuts in our missionary budgets; think of the children kept out of schools and hospitals and day nurseries and kindergartens! On the other hand, think of the lives that have been saved and rescued and transformed because of our gifts which have spread the glad tidings! But most of all think of the dear Lord Jesus, and what He means to you, and be sure you mean as much to Him as he wishes you to. We can cheerfully go without a few indulgences if by so doing we can help pay the denominational debts, and thus make glad His heart. Send to "276" for Publicity Campaign Bulletin. I'm wondering which State will be the first to report "Over the top."

I am sure Helen Hobart will not mind if I quote just a paragraph from her first

letter to me after she started out as Field Secretary: "I have been in Oregon one week and found my first going Guild yesterday in Roseburg. Oregon is a beautiful state. Even the loyal Californian 'raves.' The people here have all been so very kind to me. Each place I go I hate to leave." Wait till we get her in the East!

The girls kept pouring in, some from Santa Paula to the North, some from San Diego to the South, from all points far and near they came until the number reached 216. Everyone felt the rally was to be a success as we "Social houred" together and the home Chapter. chose our Chapter chums.

Then the afternoon items were so inspiring and worth while. We all "Looked Back" together and saw how much Guild Girls really had accomplished during the out of a possible 150. Theirs is the silver Orient. candlestick to hold for a year. (Mur-

such a fine denominational foundation. so beautifully created.—One of the Girls.

We are well prepared to march forward together.

As we "Looked Forward," the vision was challenging. With our dear State Secretary, Mrs. Willett, we pledged ourselves to explore the interesting land across the seas, and to fill many treasure ships with love gifts and consecrated lives. In loving loyalty we set our goal of \$3,000 in gifts to the Continuation Campaign.

All were ready for "Double-quick Time," which means a year fruitful in the reading of our books and generous in the gifts to our "Might Boxes."

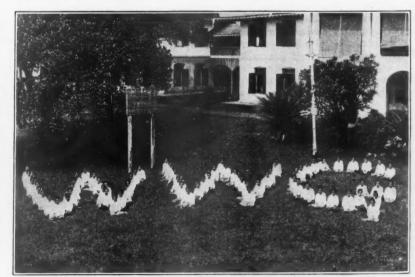
And wasn't that a jolly banquet, with every group contributing chapter songs and yells, using every imaginable tune from "Beulah Land" to "Old McDonald had a farm.'

Then the procession back to the auditorium where we found a long line of W. W. G. Volunteers decorated with their sashes, facing us across the entire front of the church. In recognition of their purpose to go forth into all the world, as our Master may direct, each one was presented with a beautiful white rose, and prayer was offered by our beloved Karen W. W. G. girl, Much Wee.

The program of the evening was just a continuation of happy helpful things. The Pasadena girls staged a beautiful initiation service, giving to the various groups ideas which could be carried out in

The rally girls felt highly honored in hearing Miss Clara Converse, who has so long been the head of the Mary L. Colby School for Girls in Yokohama, Japan. What an inspiration it was to see such a year. The Hollywood Chapter won the beautiful character and hear her testipoint standard contest with 125 points mony of the value of Christianity to the

After a final awarding of prizes and a murings of envy!) hearty exchange of good wishes and sin-Mrs. Ballard "Marked Time" with us, cere pledges for the year the rally dismaking us proud and happy that we have persed its numbers but not the spirit it had



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My FIRST WEEK AS FIELD SECRETARY

"A Happy New Year to All!" Have you your life insured? The World Wide Guild of the First Church of Sacramento. California, is carrying reliable insurance. This is their policy. Each member invites as her special guest a younger girl not in the Guild. They had prepared a special program and initiation service which explained to the guests the purpose and ideals of the World Wide Guild. These younger girls will insure the life of Chapter No. 3009 against death, sickness or accident. Are there a group of younger girls in your church who might be your Junior Chapter? Perhaps the Junior Chapter will need a trained, experienced counsellor. Who could be better than a Senior Guild girl? Try this policy with the Mutual Aid Company! It is safe and sure. Have your life insured? It pays to carry insurance.

Oregon Guild girls have something new to work for this year. A point standard has been adopted. The contest begins October 1, 1922 and ends June 30, 1923. The Guild Chapter making the highest percentage of points is to receive a surprise gift from India to be given them by Mrs. James Failing of Portland. Hurry! It's not too late to win! The winner will have to keep up the good work for a Chapter with a higher percentage may take the gift next year!

Thelew E. Hobart.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT RALLY

This was the first venture for a New England District Rally and it was a fine start. It was held in Providence, R. I., October 28-29, in that historic and stately old First Church. The Guild District Secretary, Mrs. Sherman Perry, was there, and three State Secretaries, Miss Wing of Connecticut. Mrs. Browne of Maine and Mrs. Swain of Rhode Island. Besides these there were several Association Secretaries and 22 Chapters represented. One feature of the Saturday afternoon meeting should be suggestive to others. At four o'clock the whole Conference separated into groups for informal discussion of different phases of our work. In one a model study class was meeting (condensed); another White Cross Overland Division, and another Overseas to arouse interest in the casual reader. Division; Children's World Crusade led by the State Secretary, Miss Winona P. Hainer; charming story "Wax Wing" as a place Reading Contests, etc. Delegations dicard. Some missionary story or leaflet Division; Children's World Crusade led by of all of these group discussions. At the quet. banquet the beautiful silver candelabra was on exhibition as a spur to every Chapter to compete for it on the Highest Point Standard. Dr. A. W. Cleaves, the pastor, was most gracious and he and his deacons came Sunday morning at nine o'clock for the consecration and Communion service.



W. W. G. OF COLUMBUS, O., EMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST TRY!

It was at Harrisburg, November 3-5 and even better than our highest hopes. Seventy out-of-town girls were registered and before they left plans were under way for next year. An invitation was extended to meet in Philadelphia in 1923. The ladies of Harrisburg were untiring in their efforts to give us a good time, serving a delicious banquet one night and arranging for a two-hour automobile drive from four to six Saturday afternoon. The State Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Smith of Williamsport, was master of the situation. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of the program was the presence and the inspiration of our two missionaries, Miss Linnie Holbrook, Tura, Assam, and Miss Mildred Kamniskie, who is loved by all Guild Girls who know her. They were a great pair. Miss Holbrook's word pictures can never be for- 1. Membership-Every 10% gain in membergotten. The Consecration Service Sunday afternoon was heart searching.

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(a) Each Missionary Program meeting.

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ay afternoon was heart searching.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Guild interests in Manchester are at igh water mark this fall, Mrs. Charles in AcGregor, wife of the pastor of the First aptist Church, has always fostered the build work and Manchester girls are now be benefit by her enthusiasm. Apropos of the above, my grateful thanks are due to undreds of other wives of pastors. The enior and Junior Guilds had a supper arty together recently and the report of the support of the sup high water mark this fall, Mrs. Charles 5. MacGregor, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church, has always fostered the Guild work and Manchester girls are now 7. to benefit by her enthusiasm. Apropos of the above, my grateful thanks are due to hundreds of other wives of pastors. The 9. Senior and Junior Guilds had a supper party together recently and the report of it emphasized two or three features which I am passing onf

First, they utilized the daily newspaper which gave a full column to the report of conducted; another had a model Program their banquet, including enough general information about the World Wide Guild

vided so that every Chapter had the benefit should be given every girl at every ban-

Third, the Junior Chapter presented in pantomime the history of the slave trade in America from the coming of the first slave ship from Africa to the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by Abraham Lincoln. They also portrayed on the screen in song and story the life of Booker T. Washington.

Fourth, the Senior Guild gave as a closing number on the program a sketch called "The Cremation of Selfish Sarah." Doesn't it sound interesting? This whole program was original and over ninety girls from that one church were present.

GOING GUILDS

We are happy to bring news of Guild Chapters in action this month from North, East, South and West. Our plans were outlined in September and October Mis-SIONS and apparently the following states and individual Chapters not only planned their work but are working their plan.

Oregon-This is the point standard of which Miss Hobart speaks in her message:

STANDARD FOR W. W. G. OF OREGON

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Washington-Welcome to Miss Hobart! Mrs. John R. George and Mrs. Frank Matthews have planned an interesting itinerary for Miss Hobart in December and we have a "scoop" on a special party that has been planned for her in Tacoma December 2nd. Mrs. Rose Snow, our Secretary for Columbia River District has written of the plans. The party includes Guild Girls from five Tacoma churches and is to be held in Mrs. Snow's home and to be called a Gypsy Luncheon. Streamers of blue and white will radiate from the center ceiling to the picture molding forming a canopy like a tent. Electric lights

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everybody will sit on the floor. After the special songs and cheers for our new Field Secretary. A plate supper will be served and the pastor of the church will sing some favorite hymns as a solo. The toasts are built on the subject of Loyalty.

Nebraska — "Doubtless vou wonder sometimes if Nebraska is still on the map. It is, and at our State Convention considerable evidence of life was manifested. We had a most worth-while conference where Chapter reports were given and W. W. G. matters discussed. It seemed much the best of any we have yet held. Miss Hattie Price from Burma was our speaker in the evening. We have had good responses to all our W. W. G. financial appeals. The girls fitted up the fine kitchen in Omaha Christian Center, and Miss Anstey is so pleased with it. Of course, you know, we went away "over the top" on our Continuation Campaign fund. I think there has been more interest in preparing Christmas boxes for our missionaries at home and abroad than heretofore. Also increasing interest is evident in reading missionary literature. JENNIE A. HALL.

Ohio-Because of the desire to make appointed from one of our Guilds a Counsellor to work among the Negro churches, and organize chapters in such churches as Hopewell, a college graduate is in the front time after the holidays.

stocks will represent a camp fire. The dent is at her left. These girls attended money in creating such enthusiasm and hostess will be dressed as gypsies and our Fall Rally and sang beautifully some response to the missionary program of guests are all seated toward the "camp church in a congested Negro district. minds of the boys and girls that this was a fire," at a given signal Miss Hobart will be Our Columbus Guild gave them a party ushered in to the august assemblage amid and presented Guild plans through their God bless the church that will give their Counsellor, Miss Adele Fonton.

Connecticut-This is the Reading Contest from the angle of the victorious Chapter, viz., a description of the unveiling of the picture. It is such a gratification to cite this Chapter in the First Church, Waterbury, Conn. to those who think the conditions of our Guild Reading Contest rather severe—the reading of five books individually by every member. Chapter has 67 active members and every girl read five books last year. They have started out, determined to win again this The picture they received was Hofmann's "Head of Christ" and at their opening banquet meeting in October this impressive exercise took place:

Miss Rena Stanton, the Association Secretary, gave a short talk on "Our Vision" in which she stressed the fact that knowledge of the progress of the Kingdom of God is gained from reading such books as are on our Contest list. After this talk the lights were turned off with the exception of a spot-light on the picture, and Miss Irene LaDow, our Song Leader at Wangum House Party sang "I met my Master face to face." Just as she came to those words in the song the curtains were practical the study of the Negro this fall, drawn, disclosing the face of Christ and it the Columbus W. W. G. City Union has was a solemn and impressive moment. Then every one in the room bowed for a few moments of silent prayer and sang softly "Follow the Gleam." The new "Might are glad to have their girls share in this Boxes" were distributed for the Continwork for the Master. Enclosed is a pic- uation Campaign, to be brought in at ture of a new Chapter in Emanuel Bap- Thanksgiving time for the first opening, The pastor's wife, Mrs. and then returned to be kept until some

HILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE

"BLOCKLEY WILL SHINE TONIGHT!"

With that song ringing in my heart, I went on November tenth to the first Crusader dinner ever given (so far as I know), by a church in honor of its Crusaders. I was thrilled with the idea and the invitation to be a guest of the Blockley Street Church on this auspicious occasion, and more and more I saw and heard the joy and enthusiasm of the children.

The ladies of the church provided a delicious roast beef and ice cream dinner,

girls served, and 87 children sat down. Not for a moment did the interest lag, and never was there the first suggestion of behavior unbecoming the Knights and Ladies. There were songs and yells arranged for the guests and for their own company, and fun and jokes all through the dinner. After dinner, they marched upstairs singing the Crusader Song and had the after dinner toasts away from the tables. About thirty of the older children were graduated into a Senior Crusader with all the embellishments of decorated Company, the temporary chairman of the tables, flowers, place-cards, favors and meeting appointing a nominating comcandy. The Primary Sunday School mittee, and conducting the preliminary teachers cooked the dinner, the W. W. G. business of a new organization. It is worth

covered with red paper and a few light row, second from the right, and the Presi- while to spend time and strength and Negro Spirituals. This Guild is in a small Jesus Christ. There was no doubt in the Missionary Meeting and a jolly good one. children such recognition!

HERALD SONG

Tune, "Precious Jewels"

Little Heralds. Little Heralds, Of God's glorious Kingdom, We are telling, We are telling The glad news to all.

Chorus

With our bright golden trumpets We herald the glad news, Jesus loves us, He guards us As onward we go.

All the children, All the children Red, brown, white and yellow, He will gather, He will gather His Heralds above.

Chorus

Mrs. A. Watson Brown, C. W. C. Sec., Southern Pacific District

MONA AND MANI

As the time draws near when we shall be thinking "India" as we are now thinking "Black," it will be well to provide now the food for much thought. We have suggested that the Heralds use the Missionary Education Movement Primary Picture Stories, which may be secured from our Literature Department, for their lessons. There are six stories in the set, with a beautiful large picture for each story; price fifty cents.

The Methodist Board has some charming colored cut-outs to go with a set of stories for Herald age children. Mona and Mani are the twins; their father and mother, the tea-planter, the Sheik, and other gorgeous members of their society are ready for the nimble fingers and clipping scissors of the Heralds. Send to Miss Wealthy Honsinger, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, for the India Cut-Out Picture Stories, price fifty cents, and give the Heralds the activity and the story too.

Teach them some of the beautiful little verses written by Amelia Josephine Burr in the "Child Garden in India." It is so easy for us to be attracted by the most lovable things in the world, and what is sweeter than a normal little child? Miss Burr has helped us to "listen in" as these children in India have been thinking aloud. The illustrations by Miss Louise Clark are exquisite. Price, 75 cents.

And then there are our very own Primary Sunday School stories under the title,

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garet Applegarth. Possibly some Heralds the books recommended: will hear the stories in Sunday school, but every one of them will be glad to hear any time and many times about TWINKLE TOES AND BROOM STICKS, that live in the Brownies' house. Send to the Department of Missionary Education for these, ten cents for the nine stories, and you will have not only the stories, but suggestions for models and illustrative ma-

SEVEN MONTHS IN KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

The Captain came to the Kearney Baptist Church seven months ago and called for recruits. Four Heralds responded and with their trumpets in hand (figuratively), they summon the twenty-four Crusaders to their monthly conclave. These meetings are held in the castles of the different Knights and we are told they are full of "pep." Both Knights and Ladies have given their feet (of dimes) for the service of the King, and their hands as well in preparing two fine boxes to be sent to India. Who can estimate the joy that comes to a missionary and her school when she receives 23 dresses, 320 quilt blocks, baby shoes and stockings, 13 handkerchiefs, 4 dolls, 8 sewing boxes, 11 strings of beads, pencils, crayons, 12 scrap-books and 100 postal cards. It carries the Christmas joy through the whole year. Now these Crusaders have set out in quest of the Reading Contest Prize. Are there books enough for them! If not, who will see that they have them?

READING CONTEST PRIZE

The picture chosen for the Reading Contest prize is Plockhorst's "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me." It is a as in California, or East and West, as in Pennsylvania, two pictures to each state. They will be awarded to the Crusader our suggested list, given below. Group and interested them with their messages. reading will not count, but every book counts ten points to each individual. Send the number of points won in each Company by May first to your State Secretary, PROMPTLY. She will wait until Points, and they gave a splendid demon-May fifteenth to get all the returns in, but not later, and the awards will be made on the reports turned in before May fifteenth. This is different from the rules governing the World Wide Guild Reading Contest, so note them carefully. No picture will be represented responded to the Roll Call that Blockley Avenue has set the fashion), awarded unless a minimum of 250 points has been secured. Many churches have secured some of these books for the Crusad- dren's World Crusade pledge. Miss Noble them; or in many other ways which will ers, as the one Section of four books in the was happy to be there to speak to such a suggest themselves to you. Traveling Library will not cover much roomful of enthusiastic boys and girls, cents per dozen, or two for 5 cents. Order territory. A book shower for Crusaders and counts on the inspiration of such a from Miss Noble or the Department of

"The Singing Mud Hut," written by Mar- would be a capital investment. These are gathering to brighten up the more prosaic

"The Magic Box," 40 cts.; "The Wonderland of India," 40 cts.; "India Inklings," \$1.50; "Next Door Neighbors," \$1.25; "Mook," 40 cts.; "The White Queen of Okoyong," \$1.25; "Bearers of the Torch," 40 cts.; "The Black Bearded Barbarian," 50 cts.; "Children of Labrador," 75 cts.; "The Career of a Cobbler," 75 cts.; "Ann of Ava," 50 cts.

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In order to secure the loan of a Section, application must be made to Miss Mary L. Noble, 218 Lancaster Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., and when the books are received, the postage should be returned to Miss Noble. The amount will vary according to the zones.
 Wrap the books in carton and heavy paper when they are returned.

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3. Do not keep them more than one month.
Anyone wishing to provide an additional Section may do so by contributing \$5.00.

WASHINGTON ON THE MARCH

Sunday afternoon, November twelfth, was a bright sunny afternoon and a happy one for the Crusaders of Washington, sepia print nine by fourteen inches, and a D. C. They came trooping in to the Metbeautiful picture, as Plockhorst's pictures ropolitan Church from the North East are quite sure to be, giving a sympathetic and the South West with banners and peninterpretation of the subject. There will nants flying. It was a great privilege to be one picture for each state, or where the have Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Westfall, states are divided into North and South, the President and Secretary of our National Home Mission Society, in the city long enough to spend a few minutes at the Rally and speak to the children. They Company which reads the most books on honored the children by their presence The Bethel Church carried off the banner for the largest attendance; the Hyattsville correspondence cards with the Knight on Church kept the shield for the second year for the highest number of Honor stration of the work and activities and interests of the Crusader Companies. should be reproduced in many churches in Christ's Name." Order these for placeand associations. Two of the Temple cards for your Crusader dinner (which I Church Crusaders sang, and every church hope will be the rage in every church now with some Scripture or hymn memorized, or for correspondence cards, post-cards or and one Company by repeating the Chil- valentines, writing a proper sentiment on

The following day thirty leaders days. met at Immanuel Church for a delicious dinner and a Conference on Methods which proved to be most helpful.

SEEN ON DOLLAR HILL

Way up near the North Pole where polar bears abound and husky dogs pull sledges over the snow, is our Kodiak Baptist Orphanage. There are nineteen boys and twenty-six girls there now, all happy and bright and just as full of fun as any American children. All children in Alaska are not gay and well-cared for though, as are our Orphanage little ones. One small girl was put on the steamer at Seldovia, a dirty, forsaken little child, looking more like an animal than a human being. No one knew her name or anything about her, so when she was taken to the orphanage they gave her the name of the place she came from-Seldovia. Today she is a sunny, healthy little girl, and just now she is rejoicing in a beautiful knitted robe for her bed which some kind little friends in the States sent her. I hope they may read this and learn how happy their gift made Seldovia.

An eight-year-old boy was brought to the Kityang Hospital by his father because of an accident four months previously. The bone in his arm which had been broken, had not healed properly and now an operation was necessary. The nurse found some bed-jackets and towels which had been sent from America; and after the operation some strong unbleached muslin bandages were necessary to give firm support, and sure enough there were still a few left upstairs. Ever since the women have been sending supplies through the White Cross, our basket of bandages has been like the widow's cruse of oil-always enough to use, but never very many on hand. This little boy gained rapidly and was soon able to return to his home. He, like many others, was better cared for because of the faithful work of rolling bandages and making the jackets which are so much needed and which the Crusaders are so glad to make.

WORLD CRUSADE CORRESPONDENCE CARDS

We have the most attractive C. W. C. his prancing steed in the corner. I think he is the first Knight to reach the top of Dollar Hill. His banner is emblazoned with the motto of every true modern It Crusader, "Teaching, Healing, Helping New York City.

NEW ENGLAND BULLETIN M. LOUISE PAINE Prize Contest

New England has received the Containers for the Crusade Up Dollar Hill with great enthusiasm. A prize will be given by the District Secretary to the Company which fills the largest number of Containers in proportion to the size of the Company. If there is any Company in New England that has not received the Containers, communicateat once with Miss M. Louise Paine, I Bradford Court, Newton Center, Mass. Let us all start the drive together, and send New England over the top.

Work for the Puzzlers

The words and lines of this poem have become hopelessly mixed up, and as the Crusaders are good at untangling puzzles, I am asking you to straighten them out. Each line of the verse has all the words in it that belong in it, but you can see that it is quite puzzling. The poem is familiar to all of you. When you get it fixed right, send it to Miss Mary L. Noble, 218 Lancaster Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. and watch for your name in March Missions.

The breast of the moon on the snow newfallen

My mamma and cap and 'kerchief in her in I

house through the

A mouse was not a stirring creature not even A long settled winter's for just our brains Leader: What is the money raised by this nap had

A tiny reindeer and eight sleigh but mini-

The window flew away to a flash I like

In that soon there hopes would be St. Nicholas.

Heads in sugar-plums their visions danced of while

Such a lawn arose when there clatter on out the

St. Nick knew I must be a moment in it What my eyes should appear to when wondering

I see the bed from the matter sprang to what was

Below the mid-day to gave lustre of ob- And set her on his knee. jects

The care with the chimney were by stockings hung

All children were the beds their snug in nestled

Shutters up and open the sash the tore

SUCCESSFUL PUZZLERS

Those sending correct answers to puzzles this month are: Donald Day, Bellevue, Pa.; Doris Vedder, Lowell, Mass.; Mary Clayton, Philadelphia, Pa.; Out of Booker T. Washington's name we have the following record: Lillian Sherwood, Portland,

Dak., 50; Helen Goodwin, Northwood, N. H., 75; Kark Slater, Schenectady, 84; Eleanor Pursell, Mattapan, Mass., 118. Hearty congratulations.

OUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE CHILDREN'S WORLD CRUSADE

These questions and answers were made out by Mrs. J. W. Hinchman, of Westmont, New Jersey, and are used each month in her Company. It is a good thing to fasten the outstanding facts of the or-

ganization in the minds of the children.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR OUR C. W. C.'S

Leader: What is the name of our Society?

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Leader: What is our badge?

Answer: White button with shield and red cross.

Leader: What is the aim?

Answer: The aim shall be to help the Christian life of boys and girls and to train them in the work of Home and Foreign

Leader: What is the enlistment rule? Answer: I will attend the meetings of the C. W. C. and will try in every way to help win the world for Christ.

Leader: What is the C. W. C. motto? Answer: Deus Vult, meaning God Wills. Leader: What is the name of our State Secretary?

'Twas Christmas night when before all the Leader: What is the name of our National Executive Secretary?

So old and little a quick lively with driver Answer: Miss Mary L. Noble, 218 Lancaster Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y.

Company used for?

Answer: The money raised by this Company shall be used for the help of children under the care of our Home and Foreign Mission Societies.

The Good Lord Jesus

There was a little girl who played In a street of Galilee. And when the Good Lord Jesus came The children ran to see. The first to reach the Master's side And take His hand was she. The Good Lord Jesus lifted her

Since then from all the world around The loving children run, And Good Lord Jesus holds them all As then He held the one; White children of the silver moon, Brown babies of the sun. Lord Jesus, for Thy little ones, Thy will on earth be done!

-Amelia Josephine Burr.

Mary L.

218 Lancaster Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Daily Bible Readings

PREPARED BY MRS. W. A. MONTGOMERY, MRS. GEO. W. COLEMAN, MISS INA E. BURTON, AND MRS. STACY R. WARBURTON

JANUARY-PRAYER

- 2.
- Ps. 28:1, 2—Prayer presupposes a felt need.
 Matt. 8:5-9—Inability to help oneself.
 Ps. 51—Desire for help.
 Matt. 15:22-28—Confidence in One to whom prayer is addressed.
 James 1:5-7—Must be offered in faith.
 Luke 20:46, 47—Sincerity is essential.
 Isa. 1:10-20—Prayer is more than form.
 Luke 6:12—Supreme illustration of necessity of prayer.

- ers.
 Col. 1:9—Intercessory prayer.
 John 14:13, 14—What power with God means.
 Ps. 66:18—Hindrances in prayer.
 Rom. 8:26, 27—Help in prayer.
 Matt. 18:19, 20—Fellowship in prayer.
 Matt. 6:6—Shut in with God.
 Matt. 6:7, 8—Pray thoughtfully and intelligential.

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 Eph. 3:20—Pray large prayers.
 James 1:5, 6—Availeth much.
 Luke 11:9-13—Certainty of answer.
 John 15:16—God desires to answer prayer.
 Hab. 2:1—What does the Lord say to me?
 Isa. 6:8—My answer.
 Isa. 40:31—Result of prayer life with God.
 Phil. 4:6, 7—Peace of God ever present.
 Mark 11:22-24—Co-workers with Him through prayer.
- prayer.

 29. John 17—Christ's prayer for His followers.

 30. Matt. 6:9-13—"Lord, teach us to pray."

 31. James 5:15—The power of prayer.

The Experience of a Bible Worker

I had an interesting experience this week on my way home from Stockton, California. I was visiting the farming houses and towns as I came to them. When I got a little beyond the town of Thornton night had overtaken me and I had trouble with the lighting system. I was busy working, with the aid of a pocket flashlight, to try and locate the trouble. All at once a car drove up, and the driver, who was a Japanese, asked me if he could aid me; so together we tried to locate the trouble.

While we worked I made it my business to introduce the subject of religion. He told me he was a member of the South Methodist Church of Walnut Grove, California, After working for some time we were unable to locate the trouble, so he suggested that he drive ahead in his car and light the way, and we drove in this fashion to Walnut Grove. When we arrived in the town he invited me to his house. I gladly accepted his invitation. Next morning he called in his pastor and several neighbors, and after a brief conversation I presented my Bibles, Testaments, Bible Stories and wall mottoes for them to look at. They were delighted with them. I sold them a Bible, a couple of New Testaments, several sets of Childhood Bible Stories, several wall mottoes and a hymn book. We had a little meeting and prayer before I left, and they were very cordial in their invitation to make them a return visit.-Fred C. Krautz, Sacramento.

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New Year's Nuggets

SOME TIMELY RESOLUTIONS

I will attend faithfully the missionary meetings of the church and render there as painstaking, efficient service as I am capable of giving to any outside interest.

So far as possible, I will endeavor to make the meetings as bright, attractive and inspiring as outside social and educational functions are.

I will do my part in winning every woman in the congregation for membership in the missionary society, and seek to enlist her energies in the particular line of service for which she seems adapted.

I will be as punctilious in paying my benevolence pledge as in meeting the obligations for rent and household expenses.

I will carry a subscription to Missions, read the magazine faithfully and seek for ways to pass its values on to others, including the members of my own household

I will pray regularly and definitely for the cause of missions, realizing that every worthy endeavor must be prayed through before it is energized, and that "What Christ needed, we cannot afford to

(The ensuing suggestions, gathered from successful workers hither and yon, are calculated to aid in activating the resolutions).

A PRAYER PARTNER

Of boundless love, of mercy infinite;

To change their course, retard their onward way,

Nor wind nor wave hath might.

Prayer is the tide for which the vessels wait Ere they can come to port. And if it be The tide is low, how then canst thou expect The treasure ship to see?"

Helen Crissman tells of a sunny, consecrated college girl who, having volunteered for missionary service, was stricken with tuberculosis and told by her physicians that she had but a few weeks to live. Refusing to relinquish the essence of her purpose, she went to Colorado and there, at the foot of old Cheyenne Mountain, wrought wondrously, going before and following after, in prayer, Miss Crissman's endeavors. She thus became the prayer partner of an efficient field worker, interceding constantly for the work which she considered her own, confounding all the physicians by the vigor and strength with which she held on to a life they had long privilege of looking over a home-made taining 25 questions, after each question

since considered forfeit. Through years, instead of weeks, this silent partnership continued, the girl's wonderful spirit and interest in life feeding the inner fountain of her vitality. Here is a way in which thousands of our shut-ins as well as our up-andcoming women may invest themselves directly in missionary endeavor and double the forces on our fields.

A MAGAZINE CLUB

started a missionary magazine club, the purpose of which was not the circulation of missionary magazines but the circulation of magazines among missionaries. Membership in the club was conditioned upon the sending of a magazine to a missionary. Members could have the magazines sent directly from the publishers or they could send their own copies as soon as they had read them. In this way the club manager secured at least one magazine for every mis-The National Geographic Magazine was Everyland went to families of missionary children who welcomed them eagerly."

Miss Ina Burton, at 276 Fifth Avenue, will be glad to put you in touch with a work systematized for the Home Field.

MISSIONARY TABLE TALK

With guile-but apparent guilelessness -missionary items, stories and topics may "God's ships of treasure sail upon the be introduced without brand or announcement, in the course of the home table talk from time to time. For instance, the discussion of athletics among the boys and girls may suggest the story of a mission-ary who won his way on his field through physical prowess. Mention of current crop conditions makes a natural opening for comment on the wonderful improvements being brought about in Burma by means of agricultural missions, etc. By all means, bring missions from the side lines, as a thing apart, into the normal, everyday thinking of the home folks. Before long you will see Tom and Mary looking through the very attractively pictured pages of Missions and that will lead to reading an item here and a story there which, by virtue of their real literary flavor as well as their subject matter, will appeal to the tastes of the school-trained young folks.

A BOOK OF METHODS

scrap book of missionary methods which contained every page of The Open Forum since its inception, as well as clippings from "Best Methods," in The Missionary Review of the World, and other publications, It was said to be in as constant use as The Standard Dictionary and the family encyclopedia. Such a scrap-book-growing monthly by accretion-is treasured in one missionary society of which we know and passed on, with the gavel of office, from president to president. This plan would mean a great saving of time, gray matter and postage stamps, not only for the local program committee but also the Forum Conductor, as she is literally deluged with requests for suggestions for this or that sort of meeting, suitable plans often being in current or previous issues of The Open Forum. Why let the best things live missionary societies are doing, the country Mrs. Dura P. Crockett says: "A woman over, slip through one's fingers to the cart of the rag-man?

BRIEFS FOR AN ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM

Animated Posters: "The animated poster" suggests that at some evening entertainment, supposedly one of an informal nature, women dressed in white should wear all the evening, suspended about their necks, large white cardboard maps of our Baptist mission fields, the Philipsionary in the force of her denomination. pines, for instance, hanging in several sections, Japan airily slung from the left thus placed in the reading room of a mis-shoulder, etc. On these cardboard shapes sion school. The Youth's Companion and are to be facts about the countries represented-not too many-probably not more than four or five per country. These women will be in and out among the crowd all the evening talking to everyone. definite missionary need, as she has this probability is that the guests will read, consciously or unconsciously, the facts on the maps as they converse with the animated posters. Before the gathering disperses, each guest should be asked to jot down as many facts as he or she can remember, the poster folk laying aside their adornments and joining the others in writing down as much as they can recall from posters other than their own. But even should the facts not be called for, many a stray one will have bitten upon the mind, for eyegate is well worth trying.-Adapted from The Star in the

An Investigation Tour

The Missionary Review of the World gives a unique plan for a parlor tour which may well be used to popularize Missions as well as that worthy publica-We will paraphrase the plan in terms of our own magazine. The invitation might read: "Tour of investigators leaves Mrs. Blank's on next Thursday, at 7.30 P.M. Meals served free en route. Passport, a copy of January, 1923, Missions, bought, begged or borrowed. Passports will be furnished those not thus provided, at ten cents per copy.

After preliminary greetings, each guest The Forum Conductor recently had the is furnished with pencil and a paper conh

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being a blank indicative of the length of the answer expected. For an hour the lively searching party is at work turning the pages of the magazine for the required items or facts; the exclamations of the travelers coupled with their eagerness and the circulation of a box of fudge make the moments pass so rapidly that everyone is surprised when time is called. Then a basket is passed containing slips of paper on each of which is printed the subject for an after-supper speech. Speakers are told which articles in MISSIONS contain the material for their one-or two-minute speeches (length regulated by number of speakers). Ten minutes or less, as desired, are allowed for the preparation, and then a chafing dish supper or any light refreshments are served as a prelude for the speaking. Can such an evening fail to impress people with the value and attractiveness of our peerless magazine?

A CANDY RECIPE

Brownies-not Miss Suman's, but Mrs. Montgomery's: As long as candy sales are still an adjunct of missionary budgets, especially among the younger folk, a specially taking thing would be the display of tempting boxes labeled "Mrs. Mont-gomery's Brownies," the following recipe being her own particular brand: Melt together ½ cup of butter and 2 squares of Baker's chocolate. When slightly cooled, add 2 eggs beaten light in I cup of sugar, then 1/2 teaspoonful vanilla and I cup chopped nut meats mixed with 34 cup flour. Stir together and pour into a shallow buttered cake tin which has been HYMN: "Coming, Coming, Yes They Are." readily. Make about one-half inch thick and bake from ten to fifteen minutes in a moderate oven. Cut into squares while warm. If not to be eaten the same day, pack away in a cake tin to keep moist.

The Forum Conductor will prize any plans or suggestions which you have found successful and are willing to have her pass on to others.

Suggested Ideas for Christian Americanization Program

BY CONSTANCE JACKSON

HYMN: America the Beautiful.

PRAYER: for people of other lands who are our neighbors here in America.

SCRIPTURE: Deut. 10:12-22.

MUSICAL SELECTION: Medley of national Rations." hymns of other countries or

Solo: "Do You Know the World Is "Love Divine"

SUGGESTED FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT:

- a. Dramatize the Almanac in the form what the work has meant to them.

For instance: Tableau 1, "As Uncle Sam Helps It Along." Foreign home. Mothers stand by table with sleeves rolled up and hands covered with flour as she kneads dough. Boy sits by table, holding up a "Youth's Companion," his face and attitude expressing joy. Story of Joe from "Conquest of Volunteers" is told.

- c. Have some one give a reading of "Katie," (3c.).
- d. Give play "Henry Shoris Goes to School," (15c.).
- e. Send for "Ocean to Ocean," (25c.)and assign parts of Christian Americanization secretaries to various women. Call a conference such as our workers often have, and let each tell interesting anecdotes from the letters of the person whom they represent (pages 10-15).
- f. If it is desired to lay special emphasis on a certain country such as Russia, Hungary, the Balkan States or Italy, arrange a program around the music literature, poetry and art of that particular land. Display a sample table of their most famous books, borrowed from the local public library, have some musical numbers illustrative of their best songs or compositions; arrange for a reading of a good short story and poem; give a scene, in costume, from one of their plays. Finally let some one give a talk or read a paper on the ideals and history of the country, and how we can best help its representatives in America.

warmed so that the mixture will spread Social Hour: Give out almanacs and let each woman look up her birth month and read aloud some extract from that page. Have the cookbook, "The League of Rations," on display. Societies may buy these for \$1 a dozen and sell them at 10c. a piece. Use place cards containing quotations from cookbook. Decorate with flags of different nations, and have waitresses in costume if possible. Serve

- a. Hungarian Torta (page 21); Russian tea in tall glasses with lemon.
- b. Armenian coffee; Greek Cake (page 17) or Celestial Crust (8).
- c. Hot chocolate; German doughnuts (page 14).

All recipes are from "The League of

Nearly twenty-eight years now Rev. Dying for a Little Bit of Love?" or Henry Topping has been a missionary in Violin Solo: "Home Sweet Home" or Japan, and sees in Kyoto the fruits of abundant labors.

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When Ruth Paul, daughter of a missionof a testimonial meeting of volunteers ary, reached Assam, she had a wonderful who have come together to talk over reception both on her parents and her own account. At Golaghat, Miss Anna E. Send for leaflet, "The Conquest of Long wrote, the school girls sang an Volunteers," (3c.). Arrange tab- English welcome and the compound was leaux to fit each story as it is read. bright with lights in her honor.

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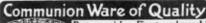
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The Gospel in Moravia

Quoting the verse, "And the poor have the Gospel preached to them," Rev. Joseph Dvorak of Czechoslovakia gives the following glimpse of the blessed work that is being done where it is sorely needed: When I visited the small Moravian village for the first time I saw people drawing ploughs and laden cars; I saw people living on insufficient meals all the day, laboring hard and with difficulty earning their piece of bread. And my heart was moved with pity and love, because I have experienced poverty myself.

The faces of the people are pale and meagre with deep wrinkles, their hair whitened before time, their clothing looked poor and worn out by the using of several generations. Their poor tiny rooms tell of lasting sorrows, poverty and unceasing care. Such is the picture of poor people who live among the Drahan hills in Moravia.

But maybe even the burden of poverty opens the hearts of the people to Jesus' message. The rays of His Gospel fall upon life's clouds, and the tears turn into joyful hymns. Have you ever witnessed poor people accepting invitation of the Master: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest?" Nobody can understand the meaning of the Gospel delivered to the poor who never saw or lived in poverty. The Gospel becomes a golden key to the fullness of life. Through change of heart one arrives at the beauty of material life. This is the psychology of evangelism with the poor.

Of this I was a witness in my poor village called in Czechoslovak, Lipova (Lime-tree) village. When I preached the Gospel of Love for the first time I heard people sighing, saw tears running down their cheeks, and I felt their souls craving after His help and peace. In a few weeks we moved from a village hut to have our meetings in the public school. Men and women overcrowded a large room listening to the Gospel one, two, three or more hours at a sitting. They would not go home. On Sundays they come at 7 or 8 o'clock in the morning and sing with joy and pray with faith. There were two inns selling beer and whisky. Since this movement began they are empty. The people stopped drinking. During three spring months of this year we had seventy baptisms.

But with the working of the Spirit enemies also arose. A Roman Catholic parson stands at their head. They make embarrassments of all sorts. One of these is that they try to expel us from the school, our only possibility for congregations. In the beginning they did not pay much attention to us, but now when the religious movement grows wider and touches neighboring villages they get angry.

Yet we are not desperate. We believe packages which were distributed judi-

that the Lord who has been helping until now, will help again by calling on willing hearts to aid us. We believe that our Lord will care for His work unto the end. He shall become the Light of life to many, many weary souls. It will be carried into effect on the condition that every one of us will give himself willingly at His disposal.

behalf of my brethren at Lipova to all the kind givers who helped us with clothes and shoes in the worst time. We have thankfully received two bales of them. When the men and women and children had got their portions they asked with tears in their eyes: "How shall we pay back so much love?" It was a great help to our poor. "How shall we pay back so much May God Himself reward the kindness.

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Noble Service by Students

Correspondence from Moscow says that social service work which involved not only the possibility of severe illness but actual risk of life was carried on during the past summer by a group of 150 Moscow students, of whom more than half have been ill and four have died of diseases contracted while performing their duties. How many more might have succumbed had it not been for the support received from the American Relief Administration and its affiliated organizations in the form of food packages it is difficult to say.

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- 4. It is agreed that all offerings be divided equally between European Relief and Near East Relief until the Foreign Mission Society shall have received as much as \$200,000, whether from designated or undesignated contributions.
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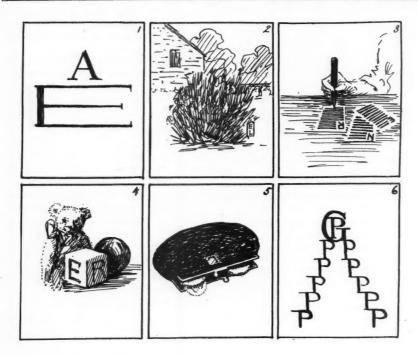
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Editor of MISSIONS:

Can you guess where the picture of these W. W. G. girls was taken? Perhaps you recognize the buildings of the Morton Lane School in Moulmein, for its picture has in times gone by appeared in the missionary literature of our denomination. And then another clue to the identity of the girls is to be seen in their neat white jackets and smoothly combed hair, a truly unique style of dress, as far as is known. There are 75 girls in the picture, all boarders in the Anglo-Vernacular High and Normal Schools. We wish that they were all Christians but there are only 52 out of the group who really are church members; some of the others have publicly confessed their faith in Christ as their Saviour, but owing to the fact that they are minors are not allowed to take the step of public baptism. We are enjoying the information that is furnished by MIS-SIONS. The girls take part in the monthly programs, speaking and reading the Bible in English, although there is only occasionally a prayer offered in English, aside from those of the superintendents. This organization of the World Wide Guild was started in 1918 by the encouragement and supervision of Misses Mildred Mosier, L. B. Hughes and E. L. Hunt. Now Miss F. F. Hatch has been added to the staff of the school and is taking charge of the plans and helping the Program Committee.

Many members of the World Wide Guild in the United States have shown their interest in this Burma Guild and have sent letters or in some other way have strengthened the bond of world-wide fellowship as it finds its expression in this corner of the earth. The W. W. G. of the Morton Lane Burmese Girls' School of Moulmein, Burma, do hereby sincerely thank their friends, far and near, for this fellowship! Yours faithfully,

(See page 49.) ETHEL L. HUNT.

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In the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute at St. Augustine there is a fine opportunity for Christian influence among the colored students. A report from Miss Blocker says that the boys have built a large one-story building for their furniture shop. A broom-making outfit is a recent addition.

Our mission in Jangaon, South India, was threatened with attack by 200 armed men, but Rev. J. A. Penner stayed to see what would happen, though he sent his wife and the children away. The attack fortunately did not materialize.

The Holy Spirit has been working in the hearts of Chinese young people in Fresno, California, and in our mission there Miss Amy E. Purcell has seen many coming to Christ.

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Since eighty per cent of all immigration passes through Ellis Island, it is logical to make an analysis of the opportunities for following-up newly arrived immigrants through resources there. There are nineteen organizations which maintain workers in the Social Service Department at Ellis Island. Twelve of these organizations have Protestant affiliations. The Jewish and Roman Catholic Societies have developed efficient and extensive follow-up systems. They are doing a notable piece of work and obtaining good results because of national and local cooperation. Protestant immigrants coming to America are practically neglected when it comes to an adequate method of following them up and relating them to the Protestant agencies of their community.

Before the present "Quota Law" went into effect, over 60 per cent of those passing through Ellis Island were Catholics; but the present law favors immigration from the northern Protestant countries of Europe. From July 1, 1921, when the law went into effect, until March 31 of last year, 21,000 English people came in, 10,000 Scotch and 11,000 Scandinavians, making a total of 42,000. The astonishing thing about it is, according to Senator Colt of the Senate Immigration Committee, that the net increase in population for the United States of immigration over emigration from northern Europe during the same period was 36,000, while for southern Europe it was only 6,000. This shows that for the present people from Protestant countries of Europe come and stay. Therefore the greater need for following

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